THE NEW
INDIAN EXPRESS
BENGALURU • MONDAY • MAY 30, 2022 • ₹9.00 • PAGES 18 • LATE CITY EDITION

Dues pending from Centre, TMC to protest

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee Sunday said her party, the TMC, will organise protests on June 5 and 6 in various blocks, seeking an explanation from the Centre for the alleged non-payment of funds owed to the state. "The Centre is playing a dirty political game. The Centre is not releasing ₹6,000 crore that it owes to the state under the scheme," she said

Government of India

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Nation Resolves To Ensure Benefits Of All Schemes Reach 100% Entitled People

"I am working as a family member for the crores of citizens of the country. No beneficiary, who is entitled for the benefit, should be left out of the schemes for the welfare of the poor."

Narendra Modi

- 6 lakh villages declared ODF
- Electricity connections to 2.6 crore households
- More than 9.5 crore households have tap water connections
- 9.17 crore gas connections to Women
- Bank accounts opened for the first time for 45 crore people
- Poor get insured at ₹ 1 per month under PM Suraksha Bima Yojana
- Cash transferred directly to bank accounts of 20 crore Women during Corona period
- Under PM KISAN, 11.78 crore farmers get ₹ 6,000 per year directly in their bank accounts
- 68% beneficiaries of MUDRA Yojana are Women
- MUDRA loan to more than 35 crore people
- Free ration to 80 crore people during Corona pandemic
- Under Ayushman Bharat Yojana, 3.28 crore people get free treatment upto ₹ 5 lakh
- 15 out of a total of 22 AIIMS established during last 8 years
- Under PM SVANidhi , collateral free loan to 31.9 lakh street vendors during pandemic
- Under PM Awas Yojana, more than 3 crore families get their own houses

8 Years
Seva, Sushasan
Garib Kalyan

davp 22201/13/0025/2223

Sri Narendra Modi's Able Leadership

A boon to KARNATAKA's overall development

Agriculture: Rs. 19,374 crore

PM Kisan Samman Nidhi
Rs. 8,704.29 crore
Beneficiaries: 4.17 crores

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana
Rs. 2,111 crore
Beneficiaries: 23.9 lakhs

PM Krishi Sinchai Yojana
Rs.500 crore
Beneficiaries: 17 lakhs

PM Kisan Credit Card Yojana
Rs.19,950 crore

Skill Development

National Rural Livelihood Mission
Rs. 870.50 crore
Beneficiaries: 1,65,486

Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETI)
Skill training Beneficiaries: 1,83,909
Self Employment: 1,09,950

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana
Beneficiaries: 2.19 lakhs
Shelter beneficiaries: 3,120
ID cards to Street vendors: 1.35 lakhs

PM Mudra Yojana
Rs. 1.63 lakh crore
Beneficiaries: 3.22 crores

PM Street Vendors Atmanirbhar Nidhi
Rs. 10,000 per beneficiary
Total beneficiaries: 1.61 lakhs

Health, Women & Child Development Rs.17,669.15 crore

National Health Mission
Rs.665.40 crore (in 2014-15)
Rs.1,274.71 crore (2021-22)

Ayushman Bharat Yojana
Rs. 1,213.13 crore

COVID-19 Response Package
Rs.1,277.70 crore

ICDS Scheme
Rs. 6,685 crore
Beneficiaries: 4.12 crores

PM Matru Vandana Yojana
Rs.465 crore
Beneficiaries:18.62 lakhs

SC/ST, Backward castes and Minorities
Rs. 4,834.69 crore
Beneficiaries: 2,68,20,000 students

Suraksha Bima Yojana
Rs. 144.12 crore
Beneficiaries: 1.10 crores

Poshan Abhiyan
Total Beneficiaries: 53,93,685

PM Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojana
Total foodgrains distributed 36,27,460 MT

3298 km of Highway
Rs. 50,527 crore

Centre's contribution to State (2014-22)

Rs.1,29,776.74 crore

Excluding Devolution, GST Compensation, Finance Commission Grants, Etc.

Education Rs. 11,607 crore

Samagra Shikshana Karnataka
Rs.5,240.71 crore

PM Poshan Shakti Nirman (Midday meals):
Rs.3,803.95 crore
Beneficiaries 3.6 crores

Rural Development
Rs. 33,676 crore

Urban Development
Rs. 13,960 crore

National Highways
Improvement of 6189 km of national highways
Rs 1,06,830 crore

Atal Pension Scheme
Total subscribers 22.06 lakhs

PM Jan Dhan Yojana
Total accounts: 1.56 crore
Deposited amount Rs. 5,821 crore

Jeevanjyothi Bima Yojana
Rs. 741.42 crore
Beneficiaries - 49.95 lakh

E-Shramik Card Yojana
Beneficiaries: 60,66,422

PM Swanidhi Yojana
Total Accounts: 1,75,653
No. of accounts to which amount is deposited: 1,50,314

Thank you Modiji

BJP Karnataka

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

BENGALURU • MONDAY • MAY 30, 2022 • ₹9.00 • PAGES 18 • LATE CITY EDITION

READ SHARE FOLLOW
newindianexpress.com
facebook.com/thenewindianxpress twitter.com/newindianxpress
instagram.com/newindianexpress

INDIA STARING AT ANOTHER POWER CRUNCH IN JULY-AUG?

A lower pre-monsoon coal stock suggests of another power crisis is likely in July-August, says a research organisation

SITUATION SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR, SAYS REPORT

The coal stock at non-pithead power plants was 13.6 metric tonnes (MT) on May 17. In June 2021, pre-monsoon coal stock was 17.6 MT, which was reduced to 5.5 MT in July-Aug, enough to last just four days, the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA) said. "Like last year, a lower pre-monsoon stock indicates the possibility of another crisis," it said

MONSOON TO HAMPER COAL MINING

- The onset of the southwest monsoon will further hamper mining and transportation of coal, the report notes
- It blamed authorities for their alleged apathy, saying "Officials know very well monsoons will impact mining and transport. Yet, no pre-emptive action was taken to resolve this crisis."

214 GW

PREDICTED PEAK POWER DEMAND IN AUGUST

CHENNAI • MADURAI • VIJAYAWADA • BENGALURU • KOCHI • HYDERABAD • VISAKHAPATNAM • COIMBATORE • KOZHIKODE • THIRUVANANTHAPURAM • BELAGAVI • BHUBANESWAR • SHIVAMOGGA • MANGALURU • TIRUPATI • TIRUCHY • TIRUNELVELI • SAMBALPUR • HUBBALLI • DHARMAPURI • KOTTAYAM • KANNUR • VILLUPURAM • KOLLAM • TADEPALLIGUDEM • NAGAPATTINAM • THRISSUR • KALABURAGI

Horror as Punjab singer shot dead day after police trimmed security

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

A day after the state police scaled down the security cover of Punjabi singer and politician Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu a.k.a. Sidhu Moosewala, he was shot dead while driving his jeep at Jawaharke village in Mansa district on Sunday evening.

The popular singer was about fortnight away from his 29th birthday and was scheduled to enter matrimony in a month.

Sources said his security cover was cut from four commandos to two. Even those two were not with him at the time of the attack, as the singer had told them not to come for work henceforth, claimed Punjab DGP V K Bhawra.

Moosewala had left his village Moosa with a friend and a relative with himself at the wheel of his Mahindra Thar jeep, when it was intercepted by two vehicles around 5.30 pm. An estimated seven-eight assailants fired upon them indiscriminately. He was rushed to a civil hospital in Mansa where he was declared brought dead. The two others in his car sustained bullet injuries and were referred to another hospital.

Ever since the murder of Youth Akali Dal leader Vicky Middukherha last year, Moosewala's life was under threat since the name of his manager Shaganpreet Singh figured in the crime. Instead of curtailing Moosewala's security, it ought to have been tightened. "Our internal report had also suggested that recently," said a police officer on condition of anonymity.

File photo of Sidhu Moosewala

SIT to probe case

DGP Bhawra said Moosewala had a private bulletproof vehicle but he did not take it. A Special Investigation Team will be formed to investigate the case, he added

Sources said Canada-based gangster Goldy Brar, a close aide of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, claimed responsibility for the murder.

After the news broke, people raised slogans and blamed the AAP government for the "withdrawal" of his security cover, adding the law and order situation had deteriorated ever since the Aam Aadmi Party came to power in Punjab.

Moosewala had contested the Assembly elections on a Congress ticket from Mansa but lost to the Dr Vijay Singla of AAP. Remember Singla was sacked last week as health minister charges of corruption.

On Saturday, the Punjab Police ordered the withdrawal of security of 424 people. P10

REMEMBER THE TITANS

Shubman Gill (right) top-scored with an unbeaten 45 as Gujarat Titans chased a target of 131 against Rajasthan Royals at Ahmedabad on Sunday | SPORTZPICS

HOMECOMING FOR GUJARAT

Playing their first game of the season at their home ground, Gujarat Titans made it a memorable occasion by defeating Rajasthan Royals in the final by 7 wickets

NEW CAPTAIN COOL

With a brittle batting line-up, GT were rank outsiders to win the title at the start of the season. But captain Hardik Pandya led from the front. Apart from scoring 487 runs & taking 8 wickets, his shrewd calls on the field inspired Gujarat to title in their debut season. In the final, his 3 key wickets restricted RR to 130/9

1,04,859

is the official attendance at the Narendra Modi stadium for IPL final

MAIDEN TITLE

Gujarat Titans are the seventh team after RR, DC, CSK, KKR, MI & SRH to win the IPL

IT'S FOR REAL

Real Madrid clinched their fifth Champions League title in nine years at Stade de France in Paris on Saturday. They defeated Liverpool 1-0 in the final | AP

VINI-NG STRIKE

Unlike their quarterfinal and semifinal fixture, Real Madrid's final against Liverpool was less dramatic. After surviving early onslaught from the Reds thanks to goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois, Vinicius Junior's second-half strike gave Real Madrid a record 14th Champions League title. For Liverpool, who missed EPL title by one point, this is their second heartbreak in a week

DELAYED START

The match kicked off 35 minutes later than the planned start in Paris after chaos at entrances to the stadium led to thousands of Liverpool fans being unable to get to their seats. UEFA put the blame on "thousands of fans who had purchased fake tickets which did not work in the turnstiles". Police also fired tear gas as fans could be seen trying to scale fences around the stadium | P13

Govt's flip-flop on Aadhaar safety adds to concern

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

TWO days after cautioning citizens not to share photocopies of their Aadhaar cards with any organisation, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) on Sunday withdrew the advisory, saying, "Aadhaar card holders are only advised to exercise normal prudence in using and sharing their UIDAI Aadhaar numbers."

The withdrawal was at the instance of "higher authorities", sources said, while refusing to reveal who issued the instruction. The flip-flop by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) created confusion and bewilderment among users. Its new statement said, "Aadhaar Identity Authentication ecosystem has provided adequate features for protecting and safeguarding the identity and privacy of the Aadhaar holder".

In its May 27 press release, MeitY, which has administrative and technical control over UIDAI, suggested that citizens could "use a masked Aadhaar which displays only the last four digits of the Aadhaar number". It also cautioned people not to use public computers at internet cafes or kiosks for downloading their e-Aadhaars. However, if any person "still needs to do so, the statement said they should "ensure to delete all the downloaded copies of e-Aadhaar permanently from that computer".

This is the first time MeitY has issued a public statement over the risks associated with the Aadhaar cards since the controversy broke a few years ago over UIDAI's potentially insecure database. The May 27 advisory said, "only those organisations that obtained a User Licence from the UIDAI can use Aadhaar for establishing the identity of a person."

But the Comptroller and Auditor General's April 2022 performance audit report had observed that "UIDAI did not carry out verification of the infrastructure and technical support of requesting entities and authentication service agencies before their appointment in the authentication ecosystem, despite stipulations in Aadhaar (Authentication) Regulations."

The 2018 controversy

In 2018, when media reports exposed that the Aadhaar database could be accessed on the Internet for as little as `500, UIDAI had claimed that it was a case of unauthorised access to the site and that no biometric data was stolen or lost

SHORT TAKE

Plan to bar cross treatment by docs

New Delhi: The National Medical Commission has put out a draft regulation barring doctors from prescribing medicines from the branches in which they are not trained in. Many Ayush doctors prescribe allopathic drugs at many primary health centres. According to NMC, a person qualified in more than one system should decide which must be practised. It contradicts the Centre's push for an integrated system of medicine | P9

Pakistan drone with bombs shot down

Srinagar: Police on Sunday shot down a Pakistani drone carrying seven magnetic (sticky) bombs and grenades in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir. "We had received information about drone activity in the border area. We had put the area in focus and were conducting early-morning searches," Senior Superintendent of Police, Ramesh Kotwal said. The incident comes weeks before the start of the 43-day pilgrimage to Amarnath shrine | P10

In SL, Indian aid distribution starts

COLOMBO: The distribution of aid, including rice and milk powder, received under the Indian Line of Credit to low-income families in Sri Lanka has commenced, the Food Commissioner's Department said on Sunday. Food Commissioner JP Krishnamurthy said that distribution of the aid to low-income families in all 25 districts, including Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Mullaitivu, Ampara, and others, has already commenced.

EXPRESS READ

Two from India to be elevated as cardinals

Vatican: Two from India were among 21 who will be elevated by Pope Francis to the rank of cardinal in a ceremony at the Vatican in August. The two from India are Archbishop Filipe Neri António Sebastião di Rosário Ferrão, Archbishop of Goa and Damão (India) and Anthony Poola, Archbishop of Hyderabad. the official Vatican News reported | P7

Putin has three years to live, says report

The Russian spy agency FSB has been quoted by a report suggesting the deteriorating health condition of Russian President Vladimir Putin. The Mirror reports that Putin has been given a maximum of three years to live by doctors. The FSB officer said the Russian president, 69, "has a severe form of rapidly progressing cancer."

8 from Bidar killed in UP accident

RAMKRISHNA BADSESHI @Bidar

EIGHT people from Bidar city were killed when the van they were travelling in collided with a truck in Bahraich district of Uttar Pradesh on Sunday morning. Seven of them, including the van driver, died on the spot, while one woman succumbed while being treated at a hospital.

Of the seven injured, the condition of one person is serious. The accident occurred on the Kheri-Nanpara Highway in Naunihal area situated between Lakhimpur Kheri and Motipur.

All the 16 people, who were from Bidar city, were on Chardham pilgrimage and on their way to Ayodhya when the accident occurred. They were to return on Sunday evening, sources from their families told The New Indian Express.

The mangled remains of the van that collided with a truck in Bahraich district of Uttar Pradesh on Sunday morning. Eight people were injured | EXPRESS

The deceased have been identified as Shivakumar Pujari (28), Jagadamba (52), Manmath (36), Anil (30), Santosh (38), Shashikala (38), Saraswati and Shivani (30). Bhumika (15) sustained serious injuries.

CONTINUED ON: P7

Student 'hit' for wearing skull cap: Court for probe

MAHESH M GOUDAR @ Bagalkot

FOLLOWING directions from a judicial magistrate, an investigation has been launched against seven people, including a police sub-inspector and principal of a government degree college, for allegedly assaulting a student for wearing a skull cap on the college premises.

The 19-year-old student, Naveed Hasanasab Tharathari, who was pursuing first year arts at the Government First Grade Degree College of Terdal, had moved the Banahatti JMFC court seeking an FIR against the seven people for allegedly beating him up. The incident occurred on February 18, 2022 and he suffered minor injuries on his back and neck.

In his petition on March 29, he had appealed to the court to get the FIR filed against PSI Raju Bilagi, Constables PH Gani, Mallikarjun Kenchenavar, SB Kalate, SC Madanmatti and KH Sannatti, and college principal AS Pujar. Naveed stated in the petition that he had gone to the college wearing a skull cap. "The principal prevented me from entering the college and also beat me up. There is no government order refraining students from wearing a skull cap inside the college. The policemen have beaten me up and insulted me." P6

4 Indians among 22 in missing Nepal jet

New Delhi: Four Indians were among 22 on board a 43-year-old Twin Otter aircraft, operated by Nepal's Tara Air, which went missing minutes after it took off from Pokhara in Nepal on Saturday. Search operation was called off due to heavy snowfall on Saturday evening and the fate of the passengers is not known. The Indians have been identified as Ashok Tripathi, Dhanush Tripathi, Ritika Tripathi and Vaibhawi Tripathi | P11

STRESS RELIEF

Yoga classes in schools from next year, says CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday said the government is thinking of introducing yoga classes in schools and colleges from the next academic year, beginning in 2023.

He said that many students are facing academics-related stress, especially after the Covid pandemic, and that is why the decision is under consideration. After attending the valedictory of International Conference on Frontiers in Yoga Research and its Applications (Incofyra) on Sunday, he said Covid has left students stressed, especially as they had been stuck indoors and felt a need to spend time outside.

"To encourage and bring some joy to children, we are thinking of trying and implementing yoga and similar exercises. The decision is still under consideration, but a curriculum will be formed and teachers will be orientated so that they are able to understand how to teach yoga to children," he said. It will not be implemented immediately and yoga classes will begin for high schools and colleges from the coming academic year. A special programme will be developed, he added.

On the importance of yoga, he said it is vital for a healthy mind and body. "Yoga and meditation help in improving concentration. It also helps in strengthening the mind and body and is essential for a balanced metabolism," he said.

It will not be implemented immediately and yoga classes will begin only for high schools and colleges from the coming academic year

Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister

Nirmala, Jaggesh, Jairam Ramesh candidates for RS polls from K'taka

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

THERE was much speculation as to who would be the BJP RS candidates from Karnataka after strong rumours from within the party that it would pick Kannadigas. On Sunday evening, the party chose Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, an outsider, and Kannada actor Jaggesh, for its two seats.

Congress, meanwhile, named former union minister Jairam Ramesh, whose candidature too was cleared late on Sunday evening. He is expected to file his nomination on Monday morning, accompanied by senior Congress leaders Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar.

Jaggesh and Nirmala Sitharaman

Since BJP has not announced a third candidate, the door is wide open for JDS to come out with its candidate. But it does not have the required 46 MLAs to get its representative elected. There was a talk earlier that BJP could come out with a third candidate. But if it did, it had to answer embarrassing questions as to how it would get votes for this candidate. Sources said that the runner for this seat has to spend a lot to win elections, and he would have to be a high-networth individual.

CONTINUED ON: P6, P9

ALMANAC TODAY
Monday: 30/05/2022 • Year: Shubhakruta • Ayana: Uttharayana • Ritu: Vasantha • Masa: Vaishaka • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Amavasya 3.15 pm • Nakshatra: Krithika 6.10 am • Moon in Mithuna Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 31°C
FORECAST
Afternoon clouds

Sunrise 5.52 am
Sunset 6.42 pm
Moonrise 5.33 am
Moonset 6.42 pm

For 100% tag, 'problem' students forced to take TC

Less attention paid if students fail to do well, complain parents

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

WITH many schools boasting of 100 per cent results in the recently held SSLC examinations, it seems to be an open secret that some schools try to ensure this by removing 'problem' students.

PE Chidanand, state secretary, Voice of Parents Association, told TNIE that it is common to see students, who who had been studying at the same school from LKG, are eventually told to take transfer certificates (TCs) in Class 9 to avoid messing with the school's 100 per cent pass rate.

"A lot of parents have complained about schools not paying attention to students unless they are gifted or doing well. Once 'non-performing' students reach Class 9, school managements force parents to take the TC because institutions don't want to spoil their reputation," he said.

Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools (KAMS) General Secretary D Shashi Kumar said it is a common problem. "Schools have all the authority to hold back students if they have not been making an effort to study and have failed multiple exams. However, there is a recurring issue of schools issuing TCs to preserve their 100 per cent pass rates in the SSLC exams. It is a completely unacceptable practice," he added.

"Schools are basically charging high fees from parents, but are not providing quality education to students. If children are doing well, schools encourage them. But no care is taken for students who are struggling throughout their schooling. They are asked to leave only at Class 9," said Chidanand.

Schools are basically charging high fees from parents, but are not providing quality education. If children are doing well, schools encourage them — PE Chidanand, state secretary, Voice of Parents Association

PERIL ON ROAD

Despite rising number of road accidents, a manhole has been left open on Avenue Road causing jams | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Build skywalk from Mahalakshmi Layout Metro stn: ISKCON

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) has reiterated its appeal to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) to facilitate pedestrian connectivity via a foot over bridge for the Hare Krishna Hill temple on Chord Road in Rajaji Nagar.

President Ram Nath Kovind is set to launch ISKCON's magnificent Sri Rajadiraja Govinda temple coming up near Doddakallasandra Metro station on June 14.

Naveena Neerada Dasa, Head, Strategic Communications, ISKCON, told TNIE, "The Sri Rajadiraja Govinda Temple, a replica of the famous Tirumala Tirupati temple, will be inaugurated by the President shortly. Our present temple is a major tourist attraction in Bengaluru and it would be the same with the upcoming one near the Doddakallasandra Metro station. Devotees would definitely want to visit both and the big plus for both is they are linked by the Metro network."

A major chunk of devotees at present visit the Chord Road temple by alighting at the Mahalakshmi Layout Metro station. "Due to limited parking facilities to cater to the huge rush, many devotees prefer public transport. However, they need to walk nearly 500 metres on this road which is highly congested. After walking this stretch, devotees need to walk a good distance inside the temple too. We request BMRCL again to urgently take steps to build a skywalk here. We have already erected a skywalk through BBMP connecting both sides of the road when we found many falling down and meeting with accidents when crossing from the Guruvaryoor temple side. Our security staffer lost his life when crossing the road."

ISKCON has plans to build a skywalk near Doddakallasandra Metro station too to facilitate connectivity to the temple, Dasa added.

It had sent a formal communication in this connection on February 26, 2020 to BMRCL Managing Director. "We will send BMRCL another request shortly," Dasa said. The Tourism Department of the FKCCI too had urged BMRCL to build the skywalk during a presentation in 2016.

Our present temple is a major tourist attraction in Bengaluru and it would be the same with the upcoming one near the Doddakallasandra Metro station — Naveena Neerada Dasa, Head, Strategic Communications, ISKCON

Govt discusses collaboration with Boston University

ENS @Bengaluru

Along with possibility of tie-ups with Scotland's University of Dundee and University of Edinburgh, state universities may also collaborate with Boston University.

As part of the World Economic Forum, Higher Education Minister Ashwath Narayan said that the state government is currently exploring multiple collaboration with Boston University. "Boston University and the Government of Karnataka has explored multiple collaboration opportunities such as curriculum design and sharing," he announced on social media.

In addition to curriculum design and sharing, the collaboration will also extend to updating and developing infrastructure, and facilitating exchange programmes between the university and Karnataka universities. This will also include courses on technology learning and literacy at the universities.

Seniors' seats go missing on Lalbagh Express

ENS @Bengaluru

A train passenger, who recently travelled with his family, including two aged parents, by Lalbagh Express from Bengaluru to Chennai, was shocked to find that their confirmed seats were non-existent. While Sunny's family was allotted seats 104 to 107 in D4 coach, the coach had seats only till 102, the passenger explained in a tweet.

The journey was on May 26 morning. Sunny charged the Railways of being negligent on Twitter. "After the TT came, got to know my seat numbers changed to D8, had great difficulty to take my aged mom and dad to D8." @RailMinInida

A respondent, Hitesh Kumar, expressed his anguish at Railways for mistreating. Asked about the incident, DRM, Bengaluru Division, Shyam Singh told TNIE, "On the date of journey, a 102-seat coach was provided instead of 108 seats, due to operational reasons. To accommodate passengers who had already booked their tickets, alternate accommodation was given in D8."

EXPRESS READ

Ba Ma Harish is new KFCC president

Ba Ma Harish is the newly elected Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce president. The result was announced at the 64the annual general election on Sunday. Due to Covid, the Board election was postponed for two years. This time, the President's post was reserved for the producers' sector, and film producers Ba Ma Harish and Sa Ra Govindu were facing each other for the president's position. A total of 62% of the votes were cast in this election. Veteran actress Leelavati, Vinod Raj, Jayamala, Shruti, Raghavendra Rajkumar, minister and producer Munirathna cast their votes. Harish, who got 781 votes, won by a huge margin of 410 votes. Govindu could get only 371 votes. Actor Jai Jagadish was elected vice-president of the producer's zone. Srinivas HC was elected vice-president of the distributor's zone. 'Duniya' producer TP Siddaraju is the new treasurer. Sundar Raj, MN Kumar and Kushal were elected as honorary secretaries. Thanking members of the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce, Ba Ma Harish said their focus will be working towards solving the problems of the Kannada film industry, and taking positive measures. -- ENS

DEMENTIA, ALZHEIMER'S SET TO TRIPLE IN NEXT 30 YEARS

COVID EFFECT

People with dementia were worst affected by the Covid pandemic, Prem Kumar noted. It made access to medical care, dementia management and support extremely challenging.

THERE IS AN INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE, WHICH IS PROVIDED BY A FEW ORGANISATIONS

- Nimhans runs exclusive dementia OPD
- Nightingales Medical Trust runs three residential care facilities -- Centre for Ageing and Alzheimers, care facility in Kolar, Tania Mathias centre exclusively for women in Kothanur
- Nikisa Dementia Village, a full-time care facility
- Kites, Cadabams and Spandana
- Memory clinics are run by Manipal and Baptist hospitals

SHILPA P @Bengaluru

CASES of dementia and Alzheimer's among the elderly have almost doubled over the past decade, with an increase in the grey population, and cardiovascular risk factors such as diabetes, hypertension and obesity. Around 3.7 per cent of senior citizens suffer from this, including 46,000 of them in Bengaluru alone, and 6.1 million in India. This is expected to triple by 2050 since people above 60 years of age are expected to constitute 19.1 per cent of the total population, as per Dementia India report.

While the problems they face have multiplied, caring for them has become challenging too -- dementia affects memory and other cognitive functions, and as it progresses, wandering becomes a major problem, given the current road conditions and traffic in Bengaluru. They tend to get lost and exhausted, and at times become victims of accidents too.

Among missing cases of 15 senior citizens in April 2021-22, three in 2020-21 and 10 in 2019-20 reported in Bengaluru, S Premkumar Raja, co-founder and honorary secretary, Nightingales Medical Trust, said a leading NGO is working for the elderly and those with dementia, and also managing Elders' Helpline (14567) set up by the ministry of social justice and empowerment.

He said behavioural problems among persons with dementia, such as anxiety, depression, aggression, hallucination and chronic dependency make caring at home difficult. A nuclear family structure with current work culture, and dearth of community-based support system has made it even more challenging, leading to an increase in poor nutrition, stress, behavioural and psychological issues among patients, Prem Kumar noted.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

30th May: Taurus is my sign of the week. This, if you didn't know it, is one of my favourite signs. When Taureans are roused, they can be fearsome. However, unless provoked, they tend to be relaxed, laid-back and full of the joys of life. They love the pleasures of this world – and deserve a great deal of love and affection. So, now you know!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
In general your planetary configurations are looking decidedly more relaxed. In addition, Mercury is now behaving itself, enabling you to take a long-delayed decision, and the Moon is encouraging you to question all existing assumptions. Allow yourself time to pause for a sigh of relief this week.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
People born under your sign are more obstinate than most, although in a way which is utterly endearing, delightfully modest and totally disarming. The simple message for the whole of this week is: remember that you are number one. On the other hand, being top dog does bring its responsibilities.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You have learnt how to put up with people you'd rather ignore, but just as you're feeling happy with the situation, the planets insist on further changes. Now you must gear yourself up for a period during which you will learn how to be alone - or at least not so dependent on others!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Hopefully you listen to the stars, but do you take their advice? It's a matter of tuning in to your intuitions, never an easy thing. The point is that if your high standards slipped last week, you will have to make amends by next week. Right now you're in a transitional period.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Although you have some serious problems of a business or joint financial nature to contend with, I maintain that in the long run the outcome will be favourable. In fact, today you have a chance to sort everything out once and for all, or at least until next month!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It is said that you are hard-working, loyal and efficient. Well, today is the day to prove the astrologers right, for it seems that you will be entering the fray to clear up the chaos left behind by more careless people. You may have little time left over after the daily graft.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You should now know how the next stage of major alterations in your personal life is to occur. I don't think you'll be able to put it into words, but I am convinced that, on an intuitive level, you understand exactly what is going on and what must be done.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
One thing that always impresses me is that you have the honesty and courage to admit when you are wrong, even if only to yourself. That's important, because today offers an ideal moment for family and domestic reconciliation. And about time too, some people might say.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Accept what is offered and be thankful that the world is basically on your side. The current helpful planetary alignments indicate that, if you take more than your fair share, you won't have it for long, so be generous and do the right thing now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The right interpretation of planetary energies over the next few weeks indicates that you had better become a little less belligerent, a little more eager to please. However, you still have another three or four days during which you can put your foot down - and get away with it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
This is not the moment to break the rules or habits of a lifetime. You can, however, consider whether you will do it all better next time round. You must realise that you now have a chance to end a very negative cycle of events - as long as you listen to people who have more experience.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Have you taken the planets' advice yet and settled a financial decision? If not, then please do so within the next few weeks. Time is now running out, events are moving on and it's very much a question of the sooner the better. A partner may have some unexpected advice, by the way, so listen carefully.

THE PHANTOM

Falk
THE MEN HE FOUGHT COVER HIS BODY WITH EARTH AND ROCK TO HONOR THE COURAGE OF THE STRANGER WHO STOOD ONE AGAINST MANY. THUS ENDS THE TALE OF THE 21ST PHANTOM'S FINAL HOUR.
DE PAUL + MANEY

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SU DO KU

Easy: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

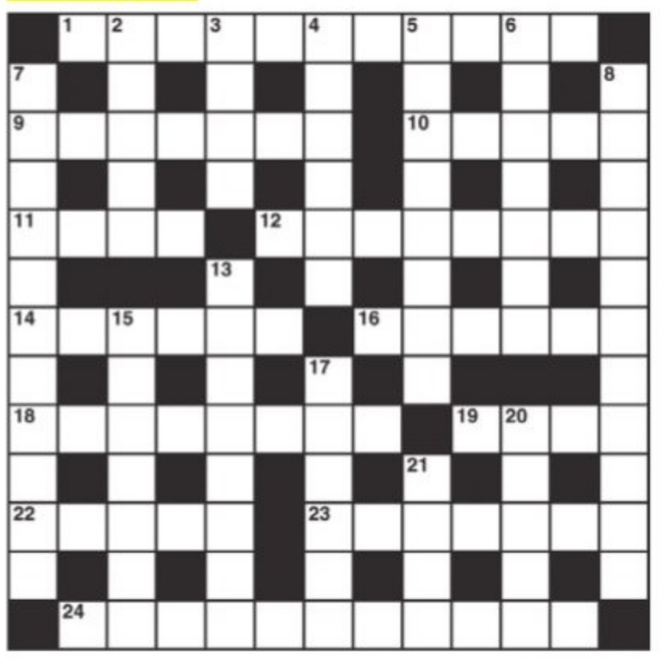
Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

4	3		1			2		
	1		4		3	5		9
	5	9	6					4
7			5			8		
	6			4			9	
		3			1			6
9					4	6	7	
1		2	9		6		4	
		6			7		5	2

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

2	6	5	9	4	3	7	8	1
7	4	9	6	1	8	2	5	3
1	3	8	7	2	5	6	9	4
4	9	6	2	7	1	5	3	8
5	2	3	8	9	6	4	1	7
8	7	1	3	5	4	9	6	2
6	8	7	4	3	9	1	2	5
3	5	4	1	6	2	8	7	9
9	1	2	5	8	7	3	4	6

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Oversight the foreman's responsible for? (11)
9 Threatens to finish in bad spirits (7)
10 It limits the field to insure against betting losses (5)
11 Rent is said to have been raised (4)
12 Distribute or secure aid (8)
14 The wrong time's right for him (6)
16 Present causing pain (6)
18 Scandinavian of manner so strange (8)
19 Bird in difficulty (4)
22 Throw out or reject right away (5)
23 Review on thug's weapon (7)
24 Anyway it's where papers like to have reporters (2,3,6)

DOWN

1 Superior kind of cut (5)
3 A girl from Aden (4)
4 Container ship (6)
5 Vessel sunk at the bar (8)
6 Regulated as instructed (7)
7 Just a privilege objected to (5-6)
8 Discerning writer and French sailor (11)
13 It gives the sculptor's work some standing (8)
15 Fit and sure maybe but altogether too much (7)
17 Lashes out in a quarrel (6)
20 Dark disturbing thing (5)
21 He does keep talking well (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Gantry, 4 Sculptor, 9 Ignore, 10 Imposing, 12 Glen, 13 Chain, 14 Asia, 17 Foster mother, 20 Moneylending, 23 Neat, 24 Using, 25 Echo, 28 All at sea, 29 Relief, 30 Hornpipe, 31 Curfew.

Down: 1 Going off, 2 Non sense, 3 Rare, 5 Come into land, 6 Loot, 7 Thirst, 8 Reggae, 11 Chimney sweep, 15 Senor, 16 Seine, 18 Mischief, 19 A good few, 21 On oath, 22 Tailor, 26 Stop, 27 Beau.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GAMIE

BTRIO

RLANYE

DURGET

© 2021 Tribune Content Agency, LLC. All Rights Reserved.

Lean on me When you're not strong...
Fantastic! This range is perfect for you.
He's like Sinatra!
WHEN THE GRIZZLY JOINED THE CHOIR, PEOPLE WERE NERVOUS ABOUT THE NEW ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Answer here: " ( ) - ( ) "

ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S **Jumbles:**
CLOAK ALIBI FEISTY APPEAR
ANSWER: The number 3.141 is just a — PIECE OF THE "PI"

DURATION OF PANDEMIC	CASES REPORTED	DEATHS	DISCHARGES
2 YEARS, 82 DAYS	■ 241 ◄ 196	■ 0 | ◄ 0	■ 98 | ◄ 125
	TALLY	POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
■ TODAY ◄ YESTERDAY	■ 39,51,739 ◄ 39,51,498	■ 5.95 % | ◄ 5.95 %	■ 1.01 % | ◄ 1.01 %
	ACTIVE CASES ■ 2,041 ◄ 1,898		RECOVERY RATE ■ 98.93% ◄ 98.93%

B'luru Urban: 232	Chamarajanagar: 0	Dharwad: 0	Kolara: 0	Shivamogga: 0
B'luru Rural: 5	Chikkaballapur: 0	Gadag: 0	Koppal: 0	Tumakuru: 3
Bagalkot: 0	Chikkamagaluru: 0	Hassan: 0	Mandya: 0	Udupi: 0
Ballari: 0	Chitradurga: 0	Haveri: 0	Mysuru: 0	U Kannada: 0
Belagavi: 2	D Kannada: 4	Kalaburagi: 0	Raichur: 0	Vijayapura: 0
Bidar: 0	Davanagere: 0	Kodagu: 0	Ramanagara: 0	Yadgir: 0

Worker accused of theft tortured to death, 2 held

BENGALURU: A 50-year-old construction worker was allegedly tortured and beaten to death over the suspicion that he stole a pumpset from an under construction site. The incident took place at Hoysala Nagar in Ramamurthy Nagar police station limits. Police arrested the landlord and contractor, and filed an atrocity case.

The deceased is Ashwath, a resident of Muneshwara Nagar. He was living in a shed at the construction site with his wife.

A police officer said Ashwath's wife filed a missing person's case when he didn't return home for three days. On Saturday, a body was found by the roadside, and police called the complainant to identify the deceased. She confirmed that it was Ashwath.

"The duo had tied Ashwath's hands and legs with binding wire to a pole, and tortured him with wooden logs and iron rods. Later, they dumped the body 50 metres away from the construction site to make it look like a road accident," said police. **ENS**

Coffee smells like garbage, post Covid? Scientists find reason

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

POST Covid infection, did your coffee smell like garbage? Now, scientists have found the reason behind this. Researchers from the School of Chemistry, Food and Pharmacy, University of Reading, and the University College London Hospital have tried to understand the underlying mechanism and found the trigger molecule behind 'parosmia', a debilitating condition in which familiar smells become distorted and disgusting.

"We found that specific highly odour-active molecules are the cause of parosmia in most cases, and initiate the sense of disgust, suggesting that parosmia is, at least in part, a receptor-level phenomenon," says the study published in Communication Medicine Journal.

For the study, researchers showed 15 different molecular triggers of this symptom. The highly potent odour molecule that triggers the condition is called '2-furanmethanol', which is found in coffee. While people with a normal sense of smell identified this smell of the molecule as coffee or popcorn, those with parosmia called it 'dirty', like sewage or garbage.

The study used a technique that separates the chemicals that make up the smell of instant coffee, and let several people with parosmia after infection smell them one at a time. "Most of these people picked out the same chemicals as smelling disgusting, and setting off their parosmia," the authors said.

These chemicals are known to smell strong to humans, and can be grouped into four classes, based on their chemical shape and elements they contain.

Agreeing that this condition is being seen in many patients even now, Dr Satyanarayana Mysore, Pulmonologist, HoD, Sleep Medicine, Manipal Hospital said, "There have been many patients who recovered from this condition about three to four weeks after the Covid-19 infection. But there are a few who have parosmia and continue to complain of feeling disgusted with certain foods, affecting their diet."

However, he says this is not a condition limited to Covid-19, and parosmia had existed earlier too. Other infections or certain neurological diseases affecting the nervous system are associated with this condition, he explains.

The authors of the study intend the findings to help in understanding which chemical compounds trigger this condition, and the study aims to help in developing diagnostics and therapies for this condition in future.

PUBLIC NOTICE

DOCUMENT LOST

This is to notify the general public that my clients, **Mrs. Surbhi Malik,** aged about 41 years, W/o. Devashish and **Mr. Deepak Sethi** aged about 75 years, S/o. Late Om Prakash Sethi, both residing at Om Niwas, No.201, 6th Cross, 80 feet road,Near Ramaiah Hospital,RMV 2nd block, Bangalore-560 094, have lost the Sale Deed, namely:

Absolute Sale Deed dated 16-4-2021 registered as document **No.BYP-1-00399-2021-2022,** of **Book-I,** stored in **CD No BYPD848,** in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bytarayanapura, Bangalore. Residential apartment bearing No.RBT10F0602 on the 6th floor of Tower 10 in project of L &T Reality-Raintree Boulevard situated at Bellary Highway Byatarayanapura village, Yelanhanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.

If anybody finds the aforesaid original documents, please hand over to my clients. My clients have lodged a complaint regarding loss of above said documents to the Bangalore City Police, Bangalore Lost Report No. 0229235/2022, dated 24/05/2022.

Please note that, if anybody tries to make any illegal acts on the aforesaid original documents, my clients are not responsible for the same.

D. SRINIVASA, Advocate
No.4, "Kamala Nilaya", 3rd Cross, Journalist Colony, J.C. Road Cross, Bangalore-560 002.
Mobile No. 9886047740

QuoteExpress
ONE BOOK, ONE PEN, ONE CHILD, AND ONE TEACHER CAN CHANGE THE WORLD
MALALA YOUSAFZAI

DEUTSCHE BANK AG CORRIGENDUM

This is with the reference of Possession Notice, published in this newspaper dated 27.05.2022 of Borrower M/s Oasis Voyages Private Limited. In description of immovable property Schedule C last word of property **VA ARCADE** published instead of **V A ARCADE**. Kindly read / consider the correct word is **V A ARCADE**. All other content / matter is same.

Date: 30/05/2022
Place: Bangalore

Ajay Singh
Authorized Officer,
Deutsche Bank A.G.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to General Public that **SMT.BHUVANESHWARI** availed Loan from Canara Bank, SME Whitefield Branch, Bangalore-560 066, by depositing Original Title deeds in the Bank with respect of **Site No.4,** BBMP Khatha No.358, Property No.44, situated at Hagaduru Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, presently under the limits of BBMP, which is morefully described in the schedule hereunder. It is informed that Original Sale deed dated 27.05.2004, registered as document No.KRI-1-05055-2004-05, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, K.R.Puram and Original Sale deed dated 15.03.2006, registered as document No.KRI-1-23249-2005-06, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, K.R.Puram lost and not traceable in the above mentioned Branch. Smt.Vidhya Satish Kotian, Senior Branch Manager of above mentioned Branch filed complaint in the Whitefield Police Station, Bangalore regarding loss of above mentioned Original Sale deeds, **dated 25.04.2022,** vide **Lost Report G.S.C.No.P00258220600401.** Hence, it is hereby notified that, in the event of any person or persons claiming any right, title or interest on the schedule property, may lodge their claim with documentary proof, with Smt.Vidhya Sathish Kotian / Advocate **within 15 days** from the date of this publication.

Persons finding the above Original Sale deeds may kindly return the same to undersigned and if anyone has objections in this regard may contact to undersigned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential Site No.4, BBMP Khatha No.358, Property No.44, situated at Hagaduru Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, presently comes under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and measuring East to West 40 x 41/2 feet and North to South 39 x 52/2 feet, totally measuring 1842.75 Sq.ft and bounded as follows, East by: 15 feet Road, West by: Site Nos.2 and 3, North by: Site No.5, South by: Private Property.

T. SIDDARAJAPPA, Advocate
No.1252/1, 12th Cross, Opp.S.B.I.Bank, M.C.Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560 040.
Mob: 9845453825

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** (Formerly known as Janalakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	34019430000202	1) Mr. Sajjad Sharief M. 2) Mrs. Shennaz Begum A.	17.01.2022 Rs.44,43,367.93 as on 09.01.2022	26.05.2022 11.05 a.m. Symbolic Possession

Description of the Property: All that piece and Parcel of the Schedule A, front Side Potion bearing Old No.7C, New No.5 Measuring East to West 23.6 and North to South 26.3 with Ground and first floor building constructed there in (each floor with two square Construction). Schedule B (property) First floor or Potion in the A-Schedule Property Bearing Old.No.7C, New No.5, With Two Square Construction with half undivided share in the land measuring East to West 23.6 and North to South 26.3Situated at New Bamboo Bazar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore. **Bounded on: East by:** Corporation Line, **West by:** Property Bearing No.4. Belong to Sri Mustafa, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Private Property.

Whereas the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore	**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 28.05.2022	**For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071. Branch Office: Divyashree Chambers, #11, O' Shaughnessy Road, 5th Floor, "A" Wing, Off Langford Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru-560025

J&K Bank
Serving To Empower

National Business Centre
Zonal Office Mumbai
1st & 2nd Floor, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E) Mumbai- 400051

Ref. No.: JKB/IAPM/408 Dated: 26-04-2022

a) Mr. A Fairoz, S/o. Abdul Wahab, (Borrower/ Mortgagor), **b) Mr. Tauseef Pasha, S/o. Mr. A Fairoz** (Borrower) Both Residing at: #26/1, B Cooks Road, Nehruputram, Thimayya Road, Bangalore North-560001. **Also at:** No.35, PID No.91-94-35, Nethaji Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005. c) Mr. Abdul Mujeeb, S/o. Mr. Abdul Azeez, R/o # 31, 3rd Floor Serwel Pride No.110, Pemme Gowda Street, Marappa Garden, Bangalore-560046. (Guarantors)

Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of The Secrutisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002.

Dear Sir/s,

This Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "The Act") is issued by me **Mr. Arshad Nazir** on 26th day of April 2022 as Authorized Officer of **Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd** duly empowered in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 for the reasons stated hereinafter:

Whereas, Business unit, Frazer Town Bangalore of Jammu and Kashmir Bank (hereinafter called Bank) sanctioned Housing Loan facility of Rs.60.00 Lakhs vide sanctioned Ref.No: JKB/ZOS/ADV/2018/459 dated 07.09.2018 to you (herein after also referred as borrower).

Whereas above said credit facility was secured by following securities:

Primary security: Equitable mortgage of all that piece and parcel of the immovable property together with the structure standing thereon bearing No. 35, PID 91-94-35 situated at Netaji Road Bangalore. Within the Jurisdiction of Bruhut Bangalore Mahanagra palike BBMP Limits ward No 91, (earlier Northern Portion with a residential house of ground and first floor of 5 squares) Netaji road Bangalore formerly known as Tannery road ,corporation division No 47,Civil station Bangalore and **bounded on the:** East by: Private property, West by: Nethaji Road, North by: Private Property, South by: Southern portion of same property and measuring: East: 32 Feet 6 Inches, West: 29 Feet 7 Inches, North: 47 Feet 2 Inches, South: 52 Feet 9 Inches, Totally measuring 1550 Square Feet.

Collateral Security: Third party guarantee of one person namely Mr. Abdul Mujeeb S/o Mr. Abdul Azeez R/o # 31, 3rd Floor Serwel Prideno 110, Pemme Gowda Street, Marappa garden, Bangalore-560046.

Whereas the above said credit facility was availed by you as borrower after creation of security interest in the above referred properties (secured Assets) in favour of the Bank,

Whereas, borrower has failed to maintain the credit facility as per terms and conditions of the above referred sanction letter/s and other terms and conditions laid down in the documents executed by borrower in favour of the Bank, consequently borrower loan account No.0746265500000066 has been classified by the Bank as Non-Performing Asset on 06.05.2021 in accordance with the directives and guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India. The details of loan account are as under:

S. No.	Facility	Sanctioned Limit	Limit Availed	Date of NPA	Amount of NPA	Unapplied Interest upto 31.03.2022	Total outstanding as on 31.03.2022
1	Housing Loan Facility	Rs.60.00 Lakhs	Rs.60.00 Lakhs	06.05. 2021	Rs. 57,90,855.09	Rs. 4,42,206.00	Rs. 62,33,061.09

In addition to amount outstanding as on 31.03.2022, Bank, as secured creditor, reserves the right to claim amount which may become due on account of crystallization of BG's and/or devolvement of L C's (if any)

Total outstanding as on 31.03.2022 is Rs.62,33,061.09/-

Whereas the above said amount is due and payable from you as borrower in the books of accounts of the Bank.

Now since borrower has failed and neglected to make payment of dues in respect of the said Loan duly secured by the securities mentioned hereinabove, and classification of borrowers account as a Non-Performing Asset, I above named as Authorized Officer in exercise of the powers vested in me under the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 and rules made there under hereby give borrower notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of Securities and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon borrower to pay in full and discharge borrower liabilities aggregating to **Rs.62,33,061.09/- (Rupees Sixty Two Lacs Thirty Three Thousand Sixty One and Nine Paisa only)** as stated herein above, together with interest at contractual rate thereon w.e.f. **01.04.2022** along with other charges and costs to be incurred by the Bank from time to time and thereby discharge in full all borrowers liabilities to the Bank within a period of 60 days from the date of this Notice failing which the Bank shall at borrowers costs and risk exercise its powers under the Act .

We further give borrower notice that in case of failure to pay the above mentioned outstanding amount with interest and costs till the date of payment within the stipulated period of 60 days, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act and;

i) In the event of borrower's failure to pay amount as demanded, Bank is authorized under the Act to take possession, control and or management of the above mentioned secured asset together with the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale, without the intervention of the court.

ii) All expenses incurred in the process shall be debited to borrower account and will be recovered from borrower. Moreover in the event of sale of the secured asset borrower liability is not discharged in full, Bank shall have right to recover the remaining balance from borrower.

iii) This demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which Bank may have including the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to Bank.

iv) Section 13(13) of the Act restrains borrower/mortgagor after the date of this notice from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of the Bank and breach of the said provision is an offence punishable under Section 29 of the Act.

v) This demand notice is recall of the loan amount and demand by the secured creditor of the outstanding amount without prejudice to the rights of the Bank to proceed as against the borrower / company / Directors / mortgagors / guarantors for initiating recovery proceedings under any other legal remedies.

vi) Borrower is also informed that it can redeem the secured asset within the time frame prescribed by section 13(8) of the Act.

Sd/- (Arshad Nazir)
Authorized Officer

MISSION ROZGAR
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
Come Explore & Invest in

UP POWERING NEW INDIA
Surging Towards $1 Trillion Economy
GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY @3.0
3 June, 2022 | Lucknow
New Uttar Pradesh of New India
2nd in Ease of Doing Business Ranking
Largest Consumer Base in India
Amongst the top 5 Exporting States in India
Nivesh Mitra : Paperless single point to get approval, around 349 services provided online by 29 departments
Highest no. of MSMEs (89.99 Lakh) in India
More than 21 Investment Friendly Policies
Information and Public Relations Department, U.P.

YOUR GUIDE TO SPICY LIVING
INDULGE
Every Friday with
THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

Former minister and Rajajinagar MLA Suresh Kumar will hold a protest against the Karnataka Public Service Commission on Tuesday, demanding transparent administration

Denied MLC, RS nominations, miffed Mukhyamantri Chandru quits Cong

'Will not join any political party, will campaign against candidates of all the other parties'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

MIFFED over not being selected for either the MLC or the Rajya Sabha nominations, veteran actor-turned-politician **Mukhyamantri Chandru** resigned from the primary membership of the Congress. After the Congress came to power in 2013, he had joined the party in 2014.

Chandru wrote a letter on Saturday to KPCC president D K Shivakumar, marking a copy to his sympathiser and leader of opposition Siddaramaiah, in which he cited personal reasons for his resignation.

"I had joined the Congress with an objective to serve people. I am content that I have done my duty sincerely. I am resigning from the primary membership. I express my gratitude to all those in the party who supported and loved me," he said, adding that the question of him taking charge of the KPCC cultural wing president does not arise.

Sensing that he may quit the party, Shivakumar had tried to placate him with the cultural wing president post on Friday.

According to sources, he was eying the MLC post in 2020. Now for the June 3 MLC and June 10 RS polls from the assembly, he was aspiring to be the Congress nominee but his hopes were shattered as the party high command selected M Nagaraju Yadav and Abdul Jabbar, and is likely to nominate incumbent Jairam Ramesh for the RS seat, sources added.

"I will not join any political party and wish to travel the state highlighting issues related to language, the region and the border. I will campaign against candidates of all the three major parties in the 2023 assembly polls as all of them are hopeless for the state," he told *TNIE*.

IT IS BOMMAI'S T20 & BJP'S SEMI-FINAL

IN many ways, Basavaraj Bommai's tenure as chief minister is like a T20 match — short and action-packed. Like every ball in the game, every move counts, especially to assert his leadership and polish up his government's report card ahead of the 2023 Assembly polls.

As he tries to make the most of every opportunity — like a hard-hitter in T20 trying to keep the scoreboard ticking — Bommai will face an uphill task of ensuring BJP's victory in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) polls, and set the momentum for Assembly elections.

The apex court has given eight weeks to the state government to prepare for the civic body elections. If things progress as per court directions, the elections are likely to be held around the time when the CM completes one year in office at the end of July.

Given the timing and its political ramifications, the polls will be crucial for Bommai to assert his leadership, within and outside the party. It will also put BJP's preparedness for the Assembly elections to test.

Bengaluru elections are unlike other local elections or bypolls. It will be a pointer to people's assessment of the CM and the government's performance, some sort of a referendum.

With 28 Assembly segments and three Lok Sabha seats — all three represented by BJP — Bengaluru is politically significant for all the parties. More so for the BJP which is making all-out efforts to return to power on its own.

But its performance in the Assembly elections has not been as good as in LS polls. After a high of 17 out of 28 Assembly seats in 2008 under BS Yediyurappa's leadership, the BJP was down to 12 seats in 2013 and had to settle for just 11 in 2018. However, the tally of BJP MLAs from Bengaluru increased after the December 2019 bypolls.

Bommai will be keen to repeat Yediyurappa's 2010 performance in the city elections. After forming his government with a wafer-thin majority in 2008, the Lingayat strongman Yediyurappa faced several political challenges, but asserted his leadership by ensuring his party's victory in Bengaluru polls as well as the bypolls.

Bommai's style of functioning is different. Unlike Yediyurappa, he will not push more on his mass appeal, rather rely heavily on his performance and go before people with a report card during civic body as well as Assembly polls.

Ward-level elections in a cosmopolitan city are complex, intense and prestigious for parties. As expected, the CM and his team will rely on strong organisation. Many leaders — ST Somashekar, Byrati Basavaraj, Munirathna Naidu and others — who had played a key role in Congress during the last elections in the city, are now in BJP ranks. Together they need to make extra efforts to win the city as the first step to overcome BJP's jinx of falling short of getting a majority on its own in the Assembly.

The party should eye those extra seats in Bengaluru to make up for their deficit in a major way. The aim should be to take its score close to 20 of the 28 seats to mount that hump.

But taking all the party biggies in the city together is a challenge. Many of the seven ministers from Bengaluru are eyeing the Bengaluru Development portfolio. To be on the safer side, Bommai — like Yediyurappa — has kept this high-profile department with himself. But the perception is that as a Bengaluru Development minister, the CM might find it difficult to spend adequate time on the city issues although Bengaluru development is top on Bommai's agenda, just like most of his predecessors.

Successive governments' lack of long-term vision for Bengaluru development has had a telling effect. Bengaluru is a major engine of India's economic growth, but its infrastructure struggles to keep pace with its expansion. Just a 90-minute rain can expose its vulnerabilities and threaten 'Brand Bengaluru'.

Unending traffic congestion has almost become normal. The condition of roads and pavements — except for some showpieces — indicates its state of civic infrastructure. The government, elected representatives or the officials do not score well on that front. To put things in order, the government has committed to spend Rs 6,000 crore this year on the city's development. One has to wait and see how money will be spent to make life better in Namma Bengaluru.

Opposition Congress, JDS and AAP will make all-out efforts to highlight the government's shortcomings — a challenge for Bommai. Congress, still left with many veterans with a solid hold over politics in Bengaluru, continues to be a force to reckon with.

It is to be seen if Congress will be able to script its revival story from Bengaluru polls or will BJP shine in the semi-finals before the 'big finals' early next year. Karnataka politics will be action-packed — like the just-concluded T20 season.

BOOK POLITICS

Baraguru asks CM to intervene in textbook row

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Davangere

RENOWNED writer and former chairman of the state textbook committee, **Baraguru Ramachandrappa**, on Sunday advised Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to intervene in the row over the revision of certain syllabus for textbooks in Karnataka.

Addressing media persons, he said the committee has dropped many topics and included some without substantiating the reason for excluding or including them.

"During my tenure as chairman, I too had excluded some topics. However, I had substantiated the reason for dropping and including the topics," he said.

He also said the present revision should be thoroughly investigated. The textbook committee has dropped topics written by many renowned writers of Kannada and included others. This unhealthy practice should be stopped, he added. Unless the CM intervenes, the issue will not get settled.

BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel speaks at the BJP Raitha Morcha meeting in Tumakuru on Sunday

BJP leaders flay Siddu's after 'RSS are outsiders' comment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Tumakuru

AFTER former CM Siddaramaiah called the RSS as outsiders, BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel on Sunday hit out at the Congress leader calling him names. He claimed that 61 Congress leaders had quit because of Siddaramaiah, but did not venture to name them.

"Your name is Rama's, but the face, mind and thoughts don't befit Rama as over three thousand farmers had committed suicide when you were CM," he attacked Siddaramaiah at the BJP Raitha Morcha State Executive Committee meeting.

"Being in a party which has a team of thieves at the helm of affairs, Siddaramaiah has no moral right to criticise the RSS which is not doing politics but is instead shaping the nation," he said.

Other BJP leaders too kept up the tempo of verbal attacks against Siddaramaiah with former union minister Pralhad Joshi saying that the former CM is a duplicate leader of the duplicate Congress party. Joshi said, "He is under an illusion that if he keeps criticising the BJP and RSS, he will become close to Congress national leaders. He is dreaming to get Muslim votes and to become Chief Minister by pleasing them."

He said Siddaramaiah became CM at the cost of senior leaders like Mallikarjun Kharge, but still he doesn't have loyalty to the party, alleged Joshi.

Co-operation Minister S T Somashekar said that they will invite Siddaramaiah to visit the RSS office. He said that they wanted to take him to the RSS office to know about the organisation and its activities or send him a book on the RSS to learn about its nation-building exercises.

"As no one is taking him seriously, Siddaramaiah has scaled up his attacks on the RSS to steal the limelight," he said.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah inaugurates a Congress workers' meet ahead of the Council elections, at Channarayapatna, Hassan district, on Sunday

BJP ko gussa kyon aata hai ?

Why are BJP leaders so angry with former Congress leader Siddaramaiah? The former CM, who went rather deep into the "who came first" debate, came up with a cracker: that RSS represents Aryans, who are "outsiders". This has certainly not gone down well with the BJP, which appeared hoist on its own petard. On Sunday, angry BJP leaders put down Siddaramaiah sharply, and called him many names. Party president Nalin Kumar Kateel called him "Siddaravana", a portmanteau of his name and the demon Ravana of Ramayana. Union Minister Pralhad Joshi chose a wildlife metaphor — that Siddaramaiah was like a snake living in the Congress 'anthill'.

KSE must declare himself a Kuruba

When former RDPR minister K S Eshwarappa skipped a recent Kuruba event in Tumakuru, community leaders promptly followed Siddaramaiah's advice: ignore Eshwarappa. Or so it was alleged. At the event, Siddaramaiah claimed he is Kuruba to the core. "When I was about to present my first budget, my critics had taken my caste name, and remarked that I cannot give a good budget as I cannot even count one hundred sheep. It's because of my caste background that they made the comment," he remarked. Kurubara Sangha leader Ramachandrappa, asked why they had ignored Eshwarappa, shot back, "Let Eshwarappa first claim he is a Kuruba, and also pitch himself for the CM's post, like Siddaramaiah, then we will consider him."

In-house critic now looks at AAP?

Senior politician AH Vishwanath does it again. Known for speaking his mind against his own party in public, the habitual critic has invited trouble from the high command -- first the Congress, then JDS and now BJP. A few days ago, during a press meet in Mysuru, he accused his party of saffronising the minds of children by including chapters on right-wing activists in school textbooks. He went a step further and admired the saffron party's arch rival, AAP chief and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, for sacking the Punjab health minister for demanding 1% bribe. Vishwanath also termed AAP a ray of hope for the people. Not surprisingly, there are now rumours that firebrand Vishwanath might hop over to AAP.

Wakf Board to set up 10 colleges for women

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Kalaburagi

THE Karnataka Wakf Board has decided to establish 10 degree colleges for women at 10 places across the state, including Kalaburagi, Yadgir and Raichur districts, said board chairman Moulana Sahfi Saadi on Sunday.

Addressing a press conference here, Saadi said the Wakf Board has decided to bring awareness among people of the Muslim community on the importance of getting education.

To prepare youths from the Muslim community to face competitive examinations, including IAS and IPS, the Wakf Board is also constructing a well-equipped coaching centre for which it has acquired 30,000 sqft land near Lal Bagh in Bengaluru. The foundation stone for the centre will be laid in June. Philanthropist Jiya Ulla Sharif has announced to donate Rs 15 crore for the centre.

"The government has sanctioned Rs 2.5 crore for the construction of a degree college and hostel in Tumakuru," he said. To a question, he said the Wakf Board will conduct a survey of the new properties of under its purview shortly.

Inquiry started in skull cap incident

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Jamkhandi SP Lokesh Jalasagar told The New Indian Express, "As the court ordered the investigation, DySP of Jamakhandi Pandurangayya has started the inquiry into the case. The police personnel will cooperate with the investigation." The next date of hearing in the case will be on June 30.

MISSION 2023

GTD'S MEETING WITH BOMMAI GIVES RISE TO SPECULATION

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@Bengaluru

FORMER minister and Chamundeshwari JD(S) MLA G T Devegowda called upon Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at the latter's residence on Sunday giving rise to speculations about the former inching towards the BJP ahead of the 2023 assembly polls.

Though Gowda, after over half an hour of one-on-one meeting with Bommai, told the media that it was related to getting funds for flood-affected areas in his constituency, political discussions also took the centre stage, according to sources.

But on record, Gowda said the meeting was to follow up on a memorandum to release Rs 27.50 crore, as the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) commissioner filed an estimated report, and Rs 138 crore to take up development works as Mysuru district in-charge minister S T Somashekar had submitted a memorandum to the government.

"I am still with the JD(S) and will take a call on switching the party only after having an interaction with my supporters and the constituents," he told reporters, hinting at switching sides.

The early morning meeting of Gowda with Bommai comes after the JD(S) party leadership, especially former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy, put all out efforts to retain him in the party's fold and even Congress leaders trying to catch him up.

Gowda is likely to join the party which assures the political future of his son Harish Gowda, the Mysuru Chamarajanagar DCC bank president, and in March he claimed to have the BJP reportedly promising him the same. The father and son have cast their eyes on Hunsur, Chamaraj and K R Nagar assembly constituencies apart from the Chamundeshwari to contest from in the 2023 assembly polls.

Bommai has seemingly shown interest in admitting Gowda as he has no opposition from any of the leaders within BJP. Evidently the party high command has also been trying to strengthen its base in the Old Mysuru Region and would agree to accommodate both the father and son for which Bommai is negotiating, a source informed TNIE.

It may be noted here that the JD(S) and the Congress leaders had paid a courtesy call to Gowda at his residence following the untimely death of his granddaughter recently.

AAP leaders at a rural connect workshop held in Tumakuru on Sunday

AAP not a political asylum: Bhaskar Rao

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Tumakuru

TO overcome its urban centric party tag, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has embarked on its pan Karnataka campaign of connecting with the rural populace from here on Sunday by holding a brainstorming session.

"AAP is not a political asylum for leaders from other parties to join us. We want the common people to get elected and hence have started strengthening the party across the state," said AAP leader Bhaskar Rao.

He stressed that given the good governance by Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and the replication of the same in Punjab by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, the party is having a cascading effect elsewhere. "A survey has revealed that 42 per cent people in India want Kejriwal to be the Prime Minister next," he said.

AAP has proved that free power to residents and quality education is not a big deal as there is no lack of resources, but change in administration is important, he said. "We will allot ten villages to four of our workers and they will conduct the status survey of each village," said AAP district president B L Vishwanath.

JDS candidate to be announced today

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

THOUGH BJP needs more members in the Rajya Sabha, it does not want to court a controversy when the Assembly elections are just nine months away.

JDS is expected to announce Kupendra Reddy as its candidate on Monday.

When Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu, who was with BJP, used to get elected from Karnataka to the Rajya Sabha, a debate against giving representation to outsiders from Karnataka arose. Soon after, Naidu was moved away from the state.

Triple riding proved fatal for two youths after their bike collided head on with a speeding tractor on Kulavanahalli-Sulakunte Road near Nelamangala on Saturday. The deceased are Surya B (19), his friend Mahesh M (20), and the injured is Kumar M (20), whose condition is said to be critical.

OUR HIGHWAYS: ONE-WAY TICKETS TO DEATH, MUTILATION

TEAM TNIE

NATIONAL and state highways have become deadly dangerous. According to NHAI data, Karnataka has 408 'black spots' -- locations where accidents regularly take place are referred to as 'black spots' -- and ranks third after Tamil Nadu (496) and West Bengal (450).

While NHAI is said to have rectified 61 per cent of the black spots on national highways across India, the onus lies on motorists to ensure that accidents do not occur. Unfortunately, the blame for accidents on highways is squarely and wholly placed on government agencies.

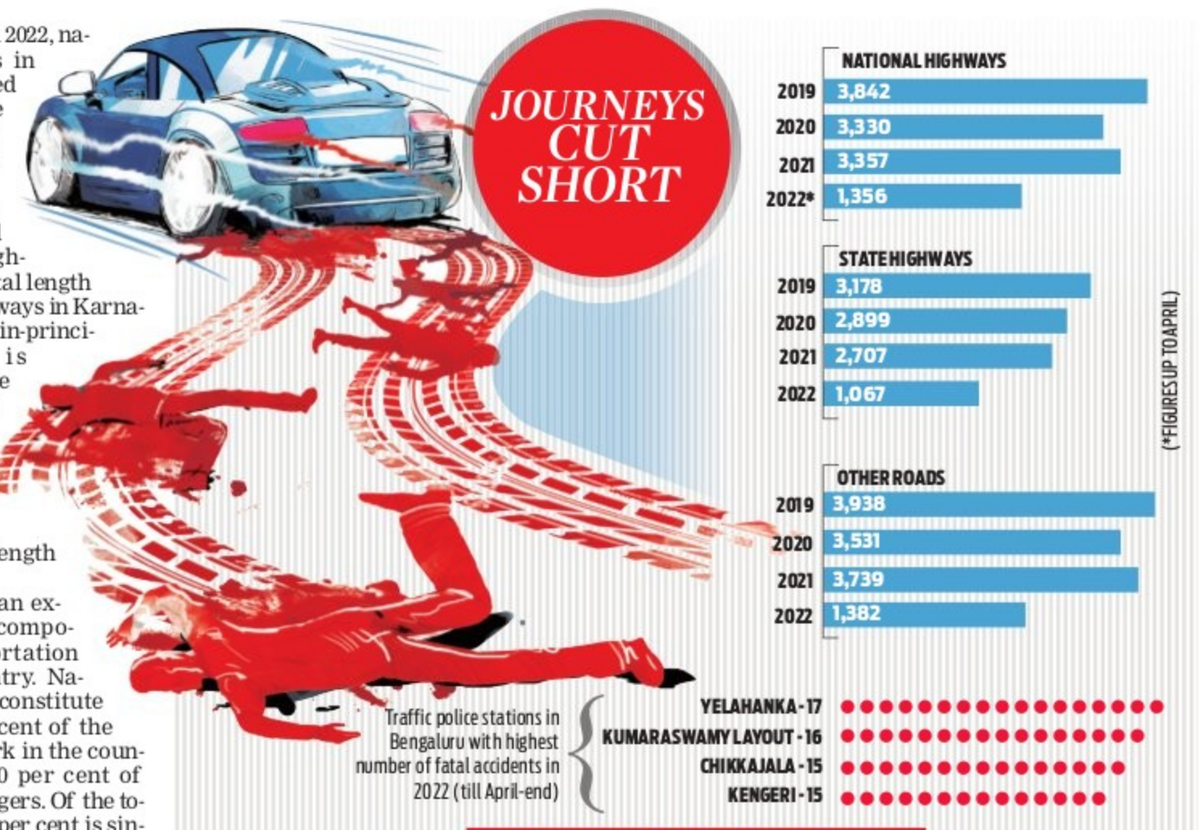
It is common to see motorists violate speed limits, which are generally 80km/hour, but some highways allow even 100km/hour. However, it is not merely exceeding speed limits which is dangerous, it is the manner in which vehicles change lanes, swerving in and out, which pose a threat to other motorists trying to keep within the prescribed speed limits.

Careless and rash driving on the part of motorists, lured by smooth, broad roads to reach their destinations faster, is only compounded by a lack of effective enforcement, and penalising motorists resorting to violations on highways.

Not surprisingly, in December 2021, Parliament was informed that India's national highways have witnessed a total of 1,16,496 accidents with 47,984 fatalities in 2020 alone. In the same year, Karnataka saw 3,330 deaths on its national highways, 2,899 fatalities on state highways and 3,531 deaths on other roads. Up to April 2022, national highways in the state reported 1,356 deaths, while state highways reported 1,067 deaths.

As per Ministry of Road Transport & Highways data, the total length of National Highways in Karnataka — including in-principle NHs — is 13,565km. The state has a good road network with 14 national highways and 115 state highways, totalling a length of 28,311 km.

Highways are an extremely active component of transportation across the country. National highways constitute just about 2 per cent of the total road network in the country, but carry 40 per cent of goods and passengers. Of the total NH length, 32 per cent is single lane/intermediate lane, 56 per cent is 2-lane standard and the balance of 12 per cent is 4-lane standard or more.



BLACK SPOTS ON OUR HIGHWAYS

Wagdhari-Ribbanpally highway passing through several villages of Aland taluk, Ram Mandir Circle and Kharge Petrol Bunk Circle in Kalaburagi dist. The stretch has reported many deaths as the highway is narrow and lacks sufficient road humps and signboards

Solapur-Bengaluru NH and Humnabad-Srirangapatna highway pass through Ram Mandir Circle which is close to Kalaburagi. With two highways passing through, accidents take place almost every day

Roads to reach Kodagu are curvy and accidents are often reported on NH-275, connecting Bengaluru to Mangaluru via Mysuru and Madikeri

Boikeri curve (near Madikeri) on NH-275 is an age-old accident spot. Truck accidents here are common and there is no available scientific solution to control accidents on this deep curving road

Thamballi Gate on NH-75 Bengaluru-Chennai Highway is an accident spot as there is no service road here

GOOD ROAD BUT TWO LANES

The 32-km stretch of Hubballi-Dharwad Bypass Link on NH-48 may be a classic example to study why accidents occur despite improving the quality of roads. It is considered one of the deadliest roads in the country, not because of treacherous terrain, but because it is well-asphalted and smooth. Drivers armed with powerful vehicles are today breaking speed limits and resorting to rash and negligent driving. To make it worse, it is a two-lane way — the only stretch on the 2,807-km long NH-48 (from Delhi to Tamil Nadu, passing through Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka) to have turned into a two-lane segment.

The Chennai-Mangaluru NH-75 running through Bengaluru turns into a death trap in Hassan district as over 8 per cent of accidents occur at black spots along different parts of the stretch. Hiresave, Shettihalli, Udayapura, Kenchattahalli and Marnahalli junctions on the stretch, Kalkere cross on Hassan-Belur road, Honnavalli between Arasikere and Tiptur road, have been identified as dangerous spots. NH-75 passes through village limits, where local people crossing the highway by foot or on a two-wheeler often cause accidents.

Likewise, major black spots in Shivamogga district include Shankar Mutt Circle to Holehonnur Cross Circle, Vidyanagara Matturu Cross in Shivamogga city and Prajwal Show Room to Agrahara Circle in Sagar town.

At least nine persons have died in road accidents at Uchila Junction on NH-66 in Udupi district, since 2019. This junction on the highway appears to have turned fatal for motorists due to a diversion that was opened towards Paniyoor. It is also believed that slow progress of the service road near Uchila Junction is contributing to a rise in road mishaps.

Padubidri police station sub-inspector Ashok Kumar says that implementation of traffic signals is not possible as it is a National Highway stretch. "As a temporary measure, we have placed barricades to reduce the speed of vehicles passing through the junction. Police staff will be deputed to make sure traffic flow is regulated here," he adds. Local people believe that once the service road is completed, the issue may get resolved. Vehicles are seen moving in the opposite direction on the NH to save on some fuel, however, it is costing human lives.

Motorists should understand what defective and unscientific road infrastructure is. RTO officials on highway patrol are interested in collecting bribes from offenders instead of implementing rules and regulations

Praveenchandra Shetty, former chairman of Road Safety Subcommittee, KCCI, Mangaluru

What is playing out on these highways is common on stretches (national and state) across Karnataka. Shivamogga SP BM Laxmi Prasad says there is a need to follow traffic rules strictly to avoid or minimise accidents. He says a series of accidents at the same spots are monitored by a road safety committee. The local inspector, RTO officials and authorities from highways conduct site surveys based on accident reports at the same spots, and rectify the issues.

BIG PICTURE

Along with these, barricades are placed at black spots as a preventive measure to avoid accidents due to overspeeding. "Motorists and commuters too have to be aware of such signs and follow rules accordingly," he says.

Inputs from: *Chetan MG/Bengaluru; Udaya Kumar BR/Hassan; Arpitha I/Shivamogga; Ramkrishna Badseshi/Kalaburagi; Prajna GR/Madikeri; Tushar Majukar/Belagavi; Divya Cutinho/Mangaluru; Prakash Samaga/Udupi and V Velayudham/Kolar*

Lokayukta tells police wings to clear pending cases, submit report

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Lokayukta has issued a comprehensive circular specifying the responsibilities and works of its police wings in all districts across the state, including the steps to be taken for execution of summons, considering accused have been acquitted in many criminal cases since the witnesses have not turned up in courts.

Revisiting in detail 25 specific works to be carried out by the police wings, the Lokayukta Registrar has also provided a format in which the works carried out by the respective police wing headed by an SP should be submitted to the ADGP, Lokayukta, who in turn will submit to the Lokayukta.

Without any comprehensive circular, there was confusion about the specific duties of the police wings in the districts. Doubts have also crept in as the directions issued by the Lokayukta HQ from time to time were not properly maintained, the circular said.

It was also directed that investigation of all pending criminal cases must be concluded speedily which were registered, before the state government withdrew the powers under the Prevention of Corruption Act from Lokayukta on March 14, 2016. Regarding the cases registered under the Karnataka Lokayukta Act with regard to maladministration, the SPs are directed to conclude the investigation within the time prescribed by the Lokayukta or Upa Lokayuktas, and submit the report.

As the people face difficulty coming to the district police wing from taluks to file complaints, it was directed that police Inspector or an officer above the rank of an Inspector visit the taluk once in a month to receive complaints, giving information of the visit 5 days in advance.

It also asked the police officers to visit the government hostels, hospitals, schools, all government departments, and local bodies frequently and protect water bodies.

MERRY MARINA

What's the best way to spend a Sunday? People throng Marina Beach in Chennai, enjoying the waves and beating the heat | ASHWIN PRASATH

West Nile infection kills 1, kin allege med negligence

GOPIKA VARRIER @ Thrissur

THE family of the man, who had died of West Nile fever, alleged medical negligence on the part of the private hospital where he was under treatment for 26 days. Joby Puthenpurayil, 47, a native of Puthur near Ollur, died of West Nile fever on Sunday. His brother Jimmy Puthenpurayil said, "We first took him to a cooperative hospital in Thrissur. On the second day he was shifted to Sun Hospital. They treated him saying it was a stroke. They conducted MRI and CT scans twice, but failed to diagnose the health condition. He was in ICU and needed ventilation support. That is when we compelled the hospital to discharge him, and took my brother to a district general hospital."

Later, his blood samples were sent for tests to Alappuzha.

FALSE PROMISE

Shilpa suicide: Cops close to nabbing couple

ENS @ Udupi

POLICE are trying to find what led Shilpa Devadiga (25) from Uppinakudru, Kundapur to commit suicide last week. They have a clue regarding the whereabouts of the elusive couple - Azeez (32) and his wife Salma (30) who have been accused of abetting Shilpa to commit suicide.

Police sources told TNIE they may nab the accused duo by Monday. Two teams were formed as it was suspected that accused were hiding in Kerala after photos of Shilpa in her mobile phone revealed to her parents that she had an affair with Azeez, while Salma allegedly 'assisted' her husband in having a relationship with Shilpa for past three years. Right-wing groups in Udupi have backed the family's charges of 'love jihad'. Vishwa Hindu Parishad has planned to hold protest in Kundapur on May 31.

Shilpa Devadiga was working in a garment shop in Kundapur and during this time, Azeez came in contact with her and promised that he would marry her. Later, Azeez started blackmailing Shilpa after having physical relationship with her.

Pope poll: Anthony Poola will be 1st Telugu to vote

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

FOR the first time in the history of the Roman Catholic Church, a Telugu native will take part in the election for the Pope, with the announcement of Archbishop of Hyderabad Arch Diocese **Anthony Poola** as a Cardinal.

It also makes him the first Telugu native to be elevated to the office of the Cardinal. Anthony Poola from the Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh had earlier served as the Bishop of Catholic Diocese of Kurnool, before being appointed as the Arch Bishop of Hyderabad in November 2020. Along with Poola, Archbishop Filipe Neri António, and the Archbishop of Goa and Daman, were also announced as a Cardinal, along with 20 others.

Born in 1961 in Andhra Pradesh's Kurnool district, Bishop Poola joined the minor seminary in Kurnool and then studied at St. Peter's Pontifical Major Seminary, Bengaluru. He was appointed as Bishop of Kurnool in February 2008. Since then, he has served the Telugu Catholic Bishops' Conference in various capacities. He replaced Archbishop Thumma Bala, who resigned after reaching the bishops' canonical retirement age of 75 in April 2020.

UP govt flying injured to Hyderabad

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

BIDAR Deputy Commissioner Govind Reddy said three members of families of the deceased are on their way to the accident spot to bring the bodies back. The Bahraich administration is making arrangements to send the mortal remains and they are likely to arrive in Bidar on Monday morning.

Those who have sustained injuries too will return on Monday morning, he added. Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers Bhagawant Khuba, who is also Bidar MP, told TNIE that he spoke to officials concerned and instructed them to make all arrangements to help family members of the deceased.

The Uttar Pradesh government is flying the injured to Hyderabad and from there they will come to Bidar by road, he added.

Bidar district in-charge minister Shankar Patil Munenkoppa said he instructed the Bidar DC to send a proposal on providing compensation to the kin of the deceased. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai mourned the deaths.

KPCC working president Eshwar Khandre, who is Bhalki MLA, urged the government to pay suitable compensation to the families.

CAMPUS CANVAS

MAHE Bengaluru Invites Applications for 2022 Intake

Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) Manipal, an Institution of Eminence (IoE) by the Government of India is synonymous with excellence in higher education. Over 33,000 students from 70 different nations live, learn, and play in the sprawling University town.

MAHE Bengaluru is an off campus of MAHE, Manipal and, thrives to provide holistic education to students with state-of-the-art infrastructure, well-qualified experienced faculty, and mentors.

The programmes offered at MAHE, Bengaluru are diverse and contemporary. Engineering to art, design and technology, management, commerce, business practice, public policy, liberal arts, humanities and social sciences, allied health, regenerative medicine, etc.

These programmes are offered in Bengaluru at Manipal Institute of Technology , Shrishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology, T. A. Pai Management Institute, Manipal Centre for Business Practice, Prasanna School of Public Health, Department of Liberal Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Manipal College of Health Professions, and Manipal Institute of Regenerative Medicine.

Application for the 2022 intake are currently open and students are advised to apply at manipal.edu/bengaluru and unlock the door to excellence with MAHE's new campus in Bengaluru.

EXPRESS READ

Bizman ends life

BENGALURU: A 45-year-old businessman, Prakash Hegde, Moodabidri, who had suffered huge losses, ended his life in Bagalagunte police station limits on Saturday. He was living with his wife and son in Defence Colony. He was running a travel agency and a gum manufacturing unit in Peenya Industrial Area. Police said Hedge was found hanging at his residence on Sunday.

Government of Karnataka
(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Bidar

NO:EE/PWD/DIVN/BDR/KKRDB/JE-2/2022-23/684 Date: 24.05.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers for the WORK_INDENT NO. **KPWD/2021-22/RD/BD/WORK_INDENT (General works 08) 151933, 149061, 151931, 151902, 151286, 150628, 151284 and 152182,** Amount put to tender for the works are Minimum **Rs. 13.27 Lakhs & Maximum Rs.176.80 Lakhs** Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz. **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on 24.05.2022.** Tenders must be submitted through e-procurement portal on or **before 16.00 hours up to 10.06.2022** Further any other information can be seen from the e-procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Note: Turnover certificate Without UDI Number will not be considered.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
PWD Division Bidar.

GCU's 'Puraskar' to Entrepreneurs & Mgmt. Honchos

The Department of Management Studies of the School of Commerce and Management at Garden City University hosted the 11th Anniversary of Garden City Puraskar recently. The Garden Puraskar is hosted by different departments every week.

The awardee list included Dr J R Bangera, MD, Premiere Starch Products; Dr Hrishikesh Damle, MD & CEO, Atrimed Pharmaceuticals; Kirthana Ramarapu, Founder Director at Learning Parachute India, Kinderdance India; Naveen Kumar, Founder, Global We Connect; Dr Subhabaha Pal, Founder & CEO at InstaDataHelp Analytics Services; Rajnish Barua, Sr. VP, HDFC Bank; Biddappa Muthappa, Director - Data Science at MiQ; and Deepa K C, Head of Technology Infrastructure As A Service at ANZ.

Governor Visits Dr. SRCISH on Founding Year

Karnataka Governor, Thawar Chand Gehlot recently visited Dr.S R Chandrashekhar Institute of Speech and Hearing on the occasion of the 45th year of founding of the institute. Dr. S. R. Chandrasekhar Institute of Speech and Hearing (Dr.SRCISH) is one of the leading clinical and academic Institutes in India. Former Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bangalore, Chandrasekhar Shetty; Member of the Central Advisory Council of the Government of India, Pankaj Maru; former International Director of Lions Clubs and Chairman of the Institute, VV. Krishna Reddy; Dr. S. R. Chandrasekhar Memorial Award recipient, Pratibha Karanth and other notable personalities were present.

EDITORIAL

The sad truth is that most evil is done by people who never make up their minds to be good or evil

Hannah Arendt

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.

— Ramnath Goenka

PAYBACK TIME FOR YASIN MALIK'S PAST SINS IN KASHMIR

By issuing summons to Rubaiya Sayeed to depose as a witness in her sensational abduction in December 1989 by JKLF leader Yasin Malik and others, a TADA court hopes to unpeel more layers of one of the most shameful episodes in the state's *jihadi* terror history. Her father Mufti Mohammad Sayeed was Union home minister in the V P Singh-led government at that point in time. Rubaiya's kidnapping was a watershed moment in Kashmir's chequered history as it shook the national will to fight terror to its core. For, the Centre went down on bended knees and released five hardcore terrorists to secure her freedom. Ever since, the Kashmir situation worsened. The mass murder and exodus of Kashmiri Pandits happened the following year. By and by, Malik became a tall leader. In 1994, he split the JKLF to lead its Kashmir rump. The same year, he claimed he had turned a Gandhian and later went on to rub shoulders with diplomats and PMs but never yielded on his demand for a separate homeland.

In a subsequent trial for terror funding, Malik sought to do grandstanding by confessing to all the charges brought against him, perhaps assuming that his Mahatma spin would give him a free pass out of jail. However, a special NIA court did not see any reform in him, pointing out that unlike a Gandhian, he had not condemned violence but instead perpetuated it through terror funding with foreign support. Last week, the court awarded him double life sentences. Shortly thereafter, there was sporadic violence in a few pockets of Kashmir but it died down soon. Another important hearing coming up against Malik in a TADA court is on a plot to murder four Air Force officials in 1990. Would he confess to all those charges as well?

Back to the politics of kidnapping, in stark contrast to her expressive sister Mehbooba Mufti who went on to milk her dad's legacy, Rubaiya chose complete silence as she quickly married, relocated to Tamil Nadu and went incommunicado. If she does pick up courage to turn up in court now, her perspective would be valuable to corroborate prima facie evidence the judge found against the accused in her abduction over 32 years ago.

CONSUMPTION GROWTH ON SLOW MOTION

The RBI in its annual report revealed that financial savings of the household sector in 2020–21 surged 3.6 percentage points to 11.5% of Gross National Disposable Income (GNDI), the highest in two decades, as Covid forced people to cut unnecessary spending and go for precautionary savings.

The forced savings in 2020–21, however, do not seem to have spurred private consumption in 2021–22 as expected. Private consumption expenditure in 2021–22 (as per second advance estimates of the NSO) grew by a paltry 1.2% over pre-Covid levels to ₹83.56 lakh crore (after adjusting for inflation). The revenge spending that many analysts alluded to seems to have lost steam thanks to persistently high unemployment rates—especially in urban centres—and high inflation. Economist and former chief economic advisor Kaushik Basu recently pointed out high youth unemployment in India (nearly 25% in 2020) as a big cause of concern. Increasing inequality, which many economists have termed K-shaped growth, has also added to the drag in private consumption.

A lot of these savings in 2020–21 had gone into bank fixed deposits as the share of FDs in household financial savings went up by 2.1 percentage points to 6.3% of GNDI. Covid also seems to have forced people to go for panic buying of insurance funds as their share rose 0.8 percentage points to 2.6% of the GNDI. Households preferred to park their savings in non-risky assets to risky and more productive ones like equities.

The RBI's report also noted that private final consumption expenditure, which accounts for 56% of GDP, is a work-in-progress having barely surpassed pre-Covid levels. Consumption expenditure revival depends on many factors, none of which the Centre seems to be getting right. Despite the recent export ban of some commodities, cut in excise duty on fuel and import duty reduction on a few select goods, inflation is not getting moderated substantially. The 40 bps increase in repo rate, in a knee-jerk reaction to inflation getting out of control, has already increased the cost of borrowings, offsetting a likely lending-driven pick up in consumption. Given the background, growth in private consumption may remain elusive for some time.

The events relating to Gyanvapi are a precursor to what lies ahead. Public speeches referring to the identity of people based on what they wear have become part of public discourse

WHEN MATTERS OF FAITH ARE PART OF POLITICAL AGENDAS

KAPIL SIBAL

Senior lawyer and former Congress leader

SOUMYADIP SINHA

In India's diverse racial, religious, cultural and linguistic landscape, identity is a potent attribute. Each of us has, perhaps, several identities. In a highly stratified caste-based societal structure, identities do matter. Group identities seek recognition and through collaborative action, become a force to reckon with. The political class seeks the support of such groups to come to or retain power.

Identities, by their very nature, are personal. But for the state, all such identities are subsumed in the one identity that matters most, which it confers on those who it regards as its citizens.

Our constitutional framework empowers our citizens with certain rights and seeks to safeguard their multifarious identities. That is why we believe in and aim to protect an India that is inclusive; an India that gives to all its citizens the right to protect and preserve their identities. A person who is not a citizen of India may not enjoy such freedoms and protections.

These identities are enunciated in our Constitution. The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as also the socially and educationally backward classes of citizens are conferred protections in matters of education (Article 15) and employment (Article 16). For their advancement and upliftment, they are beneficiaries of specifically targeted schemes of the state. Their empowerment, through protection of their interests and upward mobility, is fundamental to the governance of our country to undo historical inequalities within a highly hierarchical Indian social structure. Within the minority communities too, such groups can be identified.

The Constitution also seeks to protect religious minorities. The freedom to profess and propagate their faith is fully guaranteed under our Constitution. Their cultural rights should also not be, in any way, diminished through state action.

The rationale behind such constitutional protection emanates from the principle of equality, which is part of the basic structure of our Constitution. The state shall not, as constitutionally mandated, discriminate against any citizen based on caste, creed, religion, sex, place of birth or any of them, and that no citizen shall be subject to any disability, liability, restriction or condition in respect of their access to the amenities that are available to other citizens.

The underlying leitmotif that runs through all such constitutional provisions is that identities based on social and educational backwardness, caste, creed and religion must be protected and not demonised, preserved and not targeted, both in terms of state policy and executive action. In today's India, the state, through its instrumentalities, has chosen to humiliate, diminish and target them. Religious minorities today have become a punching bag for political dividends. It is especially disturbing to see how matters of faith are part of majoritarian political agendas. Members of religious minorities wedded to a particular faith are now sought to be mocked at and vilified. This started with Advaniji's Rath Yatra and has slowly but surely entered the psyche of our citizens seeking to demolish the symbols of faith that are constitutionally protected. Historical wrongs, whether true or manufactured, are seen to provide the rationale for such attacks. As a result, the majoritarian culture seeks to subsume within itself the faith of others demanding a level of obedience not envisaged in our Constitution.

The latest events in Benares relating to the Gyanvapi Mosque are a precursor to what lies ahead. Our Republic symbolises the common weal of all its citizens. Immersed within every citizen are each person's individual identities. What is happening on the ground is that a class of citizens is being denied their constitutional rights and protections and they are being targeted through political mobilisation and executive actions. This inevitably diminishes their status as citizens. Their consequent alienation makes them feel that they have fewer rights than other citizens; that their identities are not protected, whereas the identities of those belonging to the majoritarian culture are anchored in a safe constitutional harbour.

Courts must realise that any speech made to attack people's identities violates the constitutional mandate, which requires their protection. It is the job of the court to ensure that these protections are judicially recognised to preserve the ethos of our inclusive Republic

Right-wing lumpen elements question the allegiance of some of our citizens and force them to say "Bharat Mata ki Jai". This, on occasions, is followed by open acts of violence, instilling fear in the minds of others similarly situated. Images of the public lynching of Dalits, the waylaying and, on occasions, eliminating those involved in cattle trade are etched in our memory. Controversies around *hijab* and *halal* have both communalised and polarised our polity. Misusing laws like the UAPA and prosecuting students of a certain identity by proclaiming them to be terrorists seek to associate terrorism with a particular community. Attempts in a certain state to persuade people not to buy goods from a particular class of citizens are not just constitutionally impermissible but are meant to subjugate and diminish their faith and identity. Bulldozer politics by razing allegedly unauthorised constructions is an act of punishment under the cloak of the law.

Public speeches referring to the identity of people based on what they wear, what language they speak, how and where they pray, bury their dead have all become matters of public discourse. They have percolated into the conscience of our citizens, which allows for igniting majoritarian mindsets to set aflame the politics of hate. Those not targeted thus seek to hide their identities, lest they become the next victims of majoritarian mindsets. Amenities provided by the state for their protection are made the subject matter of ridicule. They are victimised for alleged historical wrongs committed by their ancestors. The state silently looks on. These constitutional protections are perceived by majoritarian mindsets to be inconsistent with majoritarian culture. Such protections are, therefore, not to be eulogised in any form and at any forum. On occasions, targeting identities is perceived to be part of state policy.

Courts must realise that any speech made to attack these identities violates the constitutional mandate, which requires their protection. It is the job of the court to ensure that these protections are judicially recognised to preserve the ethos of our inclusive Republic. The protections guaranteed by the Constitution are sacred obligations that need to be cherished. Controversies around them must be nipped in the bud.

What is even more worrying is that the state machinery, especially the police, which is obliged to maintain law and order, sometimes encourages such targeted attacks either as silent spectators or on occasions, even hand in glove with their political masters who encourage agendas to divide the polity. The outcome is a culture of 'us' versus 'them'. There is no 'us', there is no 'them'. There is only one identity that matters—being a citizen of India.

(Tweets @KapilSibal)

LANGUAGE DEBATE AND LESSONS FROM S KOREA

TULSI JAYAKUMAR

Professor, Economics, Bhavan's SPJIMR

The North-South divide in the treatment of Hindi as the 'national language' erupted all over again recently with the Twitter spat between Ajay Devgn, a popular Bollywood actor, and Kiccha Sudeep, a Kannada actor. The spat started when Devgn tweeted in response to a statement made by Sudeep to a Karnataka TV channel, where he opined that with south films like *RRR*, *KGF2* and *Pushpa* recording box-office success in the Hindi heartland as well, Hindi was no longer a national language. Devgn's tweet in Hindi said, "Hindi was, is and will always remain our mother tongue and national language."

India does not have a national language. Article 343 (1) of the Indian Constitution states, "The official language of the Union shall be Hindi in Devanagari script." The Constitution adds that English is also an official language and that the Union must promote the spread of Hindi to "serve as a medium of expression for all the elements of the composite culture of India".

The 2011 Census recorded the proportion of the Indian population speaking Hindi as the first language was only 43.6%. Little wonder then that the attempt to push it as the official language in the non-Hindi speaking belt has met with huge resistance.

The row over Hindi as the national language within the south, especially Tamil Nadu, has a long history even while other states such as Karnataka adopted the three-language formula. In Tamil Nadu, in 1937, when C Rajagopalachari, the Premier of the Madras Presidency, sought to make Hindi compulsory in secondary schools, E V Ramasamy (called Periyar), spearheaded a campaign against Hindi. The British government, however, made Hindi optional in 1940. The issue became a political hot potato, when in 1965, reports regarding the replacement of English with Hindi as the official language led to a fresh round of anti-Hindi protests. The DMK rose to power on the back of the anti-Hindi agitation in 1967. Chief Minister C N Annadurai repealed the three-language formula of the Central government and announced a two-language policy based on Tamil and English. This state policy has remained in place, irrespective of the political party in power. The Tamil Nadu government, recently, again rejected the suggestion of a three-language policy contained in the New Education Policy (NEP).

The creative media industry, where the present row has emerged, represents less than 1% of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). However, the direct impact of the industry, with an output of $15.6 billion and 7.4 lakh employees, hardly captures the extent of the sector's impact. There is also an indirect multiplier effect on other industries like tourism and ancillary sectors. For instance, the movie *3 Idiots* has many scenes set in Ladakh—reports found that this increased tourism in the region by 2.4 times. This would increase employment and also create other opportunities within the local economy indirectly.

South Korea has used a soft power strategy to grow not just its GDP, but also its appeal to a global audience.... Movie stars like Devgn must use their energy to think about how to increase the attractiveness of India and Indian culture in the rest of the world, rather than squabble over the use of Hindi

One country that provides a role model for development through the creative economy is South Korea. The Chinese used the term *Hallyu* (literally translated as the Korean Wave) to refer to the growing global popularity of South Korea's creative economy, especially the entertainment industry, including K-pop and other forms of music, television, dramas and movies. Through *Hallyu* and its cultural exports, South Korea has used a soft power strategy to grow not just its GDP, but also its appeal to a global audience. One has to think of K-pop groups like the BTS and Blackpink, Korean movies like *Parasite*, *Silenced*, etc. and their appeal to non-Korean audiences to get a sense of the extent of soft power wielded. The policy of cultural exports also helped the country break into the league of high income nations in a very short span of time, from a GDP per capita of $6,610 in 1990 to $31,610 in 2020.

It is clear that India and its creative industry have much to learn from its South Korean counterparts. Clearly, language can be no barrier to garner larger audiences, as the success of Indian regional language cinema within the nation and that of South Korean movies, music and TV shows across the rest of the world has demonstrated. Movie stars like Devgn must use their energy to think about how to increase the attractiveness of India and Indian culture in the rest of the world, rather than squabble over the use and superiority of Hindi over regional languages. With 22 scheduled languages (including Hindi), and the presence of its diaspora across the globe, India possesses a mine of soft power, which it should tap at the earliest.

(The author is also Executive Director, Centre for Family Business & Entrepreneurship at Bhavan's SPJIMR)
(Views are personal)
(tulsi.jayakumar@spjimr.org)

MAILBAG

WRITE TO: letters@newindianexpress.com

US should look at itself

The spine-chilling pictures of the recent Texas school shooting in which 19 children died are not new to the US. Although the country's Second Amendment states that citizens have the 'right to keep and bear arms', the US needs to protect its people. America, which pokes its nose into the affairs of every other country, is unable to solve such a serious problem in its own land. The country should revise the laws relating to gun licences: It should not just limit the process of providing them to checking criminal records.

Manoj Kumar Jena, Odisha

Solve people's grievances

In Telangana, it looks like the TRS, Congress and BJP are competing with each other rather than addressing people's grievances. MPs and MLAs should instead serve the people with dedication—people are wiser now and know whom to vote for.

T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

BJP's flip-flops

On a visit to Hyderabad, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken on "family-run" pink rule and claimed that he sees winds of change blowing in Telangana. The BJP's flip-flop on separate statehood and relationship with family-run TRS is well known. The BJP always changes its stand depending on which way the wind is blowing. As for family-run parties, the BJP had a long-standing relationship with the Shiv Sena and SAD. Unless the party officially changes its policy towards family-run parties, people won't take the prime minister seriously.

N Nagarajan, Secunderabad

Strong stand against graft

A CBI special judge has sent a strong message against corruption by convicting 87-year-old Om Prakash Chautala, former Haryana CM, and giving him a four-year jail term. Despite having several ailments and being released last year after his 10-year jail term in the teacher recruitment scam, he was given a strict sentence.

S V Venkatakrishnan, Bengaluru

Appeasement led to it

This is with reference to *Where has Gandhi's, Nehru's India gone?* (May 29). But why did Gandhi's, Nehru's India go? The Congress's minority appeasement strategy was a vote-garnering mechanism at the expense of an increasingly disillusioned majority. This placed the BJP on the throne of power; they won with a whopping majority in the last two general elections. The pseudosecularism adopted by successive Congress regimes undid Gandhi's and Nehru's India.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Privileges for minorities

The opinion that minorities are treated as second-class citizens is far from the truth. In fact, they enjoy far more constitutional privileges. Communal incidents are a social affair and are independent of any political regime.

G Nataraja Perumal, Tenkasi

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

Chairman of the Board: **Manoj Kumar Sonthalia** Editor: **G S Vasu** Executive Editor: **Santwana Bhattacharya**

Published by **R K Jhunjhunwala** on behalf of Express Publications (Madurai) Private Limited, at No. 1, Queen's Road, Bengaluru - 560 001 and printed by him at Express Press, Plot No. 2A, Bommasandra Industrial Area, 4th Phase, Survey No. 46, Part Yarandahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk. Bengaluru - 560 099. **Bengaluru.** Vol. 58, No. 128 RNI Reg. No. 3457/1960. Phone: 080-22866893. * Responsible for selection of News under the PRB Act. **Copyright:** Express Publications (Madurai) Private Limited. All rights reserved. Reproduction in any manner, electronic or otherwise, in whole or in part, without prior written permission is prohibited.

TWEETS OF THE DAY

Subramanian Swamy @Swamy39
I was right in stating that China is upset with India's somersault in QUAD on China. India's presence in BRICS could mean Chinese unpleasantness.

Deepender S Hooda @DeependerSHooda
The agreement between BJP-JJP was not for public interest but for the exemption of loot and taking license of corruption.

Abhishek Banerjee @abhishekaitc
I said how 1% in Kolkata HC is working in cohorts with Centre in protecting some individuals. People know who is actually crossing the red line

NMC prescribes new rules for AYUSH doctors

Medical regulator proposes to bar docs from prescribing treatment in branches of medicine they are not trained in

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @New Delhi

Can practise only what a person is trained in

NMC's proposal says a person qualified in more than one system of medicine can decide which one to practise. Once licensed to practise modern medicine under NMC Act, the person shall not practise any other system of medicine simultaneously.

Tough conditions put by medical regulator

Short courses in other treatment systems do not qualify a practitioner to practise that branch of medicine, the proposal released for public comments by India's apex regulator of medical education and medical professional says

AYUSH doctors will no longer be able to prescribe allopathic medicines, if a proposal by the National Medical Commission (NMC) passes muster with the government.

India's apex regulator of medical education and medical professional has recommended barring doctors from prescribing medicines from branches they are not trained in. The proposal is part of the draft of Registered Medical Practitioner (Professional Conduct) Regulation 2022, released by NMC's Ethics and Medical Registration Board a few days ago for public consultations.

According to the NMC's proposal, a person qualified in more than one system of medicine can decide which one to practise. Once licensed to practise modern medicine under NMC Act, the person shall not practise any other system of medicine simultaneously. Short courses in other treatment systems do not qualify a practitioner to practise that branch of medicine, it says.

The proposal runs counter to the government's push for an integrated system of medicine. Several states like Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have allowed AYUSH doctors to run primary and community health centres where they can prescribe and dispense allopathic drugs. This is prompted by a shortage of doctors in rural areas.

According to the rural health statistics report for 2020 released by Union Health Ministry , 8,709 AYUSH doctors were posted at 25,140 rural primary health centres and 541 at 5,481 community health centres.

However, medical experts have been dead against 'mixopathy' and have been pushing for discontinuing the practice which allows AYUSH – Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy – practitioners to prescribe modern medicines.

"There is no unanimity and coherence between states, Central government and within the NMC on this issue. Medical practice is a lawless issue in India," said Dr Rajeev Ranjan Prasad, a former member of the erstwhile Medical Council of India and dean of Patna-based Aryabhatta Knowledge University. "The government wants to make Ayurveda a panacea for all ills, which it is not," he added. The need of the hour was to adopt a realistic policy and not one that promotes quackery, he said, adding that substituting MBBS doctors with AYUSH practitioners was "a remedy worse than the disease".

Dr J A Jayalal, former president of Indian Medical Association, said. "There is a difference between integration and mixing of the two systems."

POWER GAMES

SHAHID FARIDI

The writer is Associate Editor and Chief of Bureau at TNIE, New Delhi.
Email: shahid@newindianexpress.com

DIVINE INTERVENTION

CONGRESS YAJNA TO REVERSE ELECTORAL MISFORTUNE

The Congress party has decided to organise Rashtra Raksha Yajna (special prayer for peace, harmony and unity in the country) in temples all around the poll-bound Himachal Pradesh. The first yajna was held at Union minister Anurag Thakur's Lok Sabha constituency Hamirpur on Saturday. The big ones will be organised at Shakti peeths with prominent leaders in attendance, and small ones at temples in villages and mohallas of the state attended by local leaders of the party. The stated purpose of the yajna is to save the country from the divisive and negative politics of the BJP. It is, however, being held under the banner of Sarv Kalyankaari Sanstha which is headed by state Congress working president Rajinder Rana, who performed the havan at the Hamirpur Yajna. The function was attended by a large number of priests and locals, and chants for peace dominated the proceedings. Congress leaders said the yajna would have a calming effect on the people during a time when the BJP was whipping up religious hysteria with the aim of dividing the society on communal lines and reaping electoral dividend with the help of this polarisation. Terming the attack on communal harmony as an attack on the very foundation of India, Congress leaders said the party has decided to follow the ancient practice of organising yajna to ward off the evil facing the country.

FLYING HIGH

JET PLANE IN 1ST TERM, CHOPPER IN 2ND FOR KHATTAR

Chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar's government is all set to buy an eight-seater Airbus H145 twin-engine helicopter to ferry the state chief minister. The chopper, which remains under the control of the state government, is allowed to be used by the Governor and other persons authorised by the state government. Sources said that the Haryana government's tender for the procurement of the helicopter was drafted in such a way that only the Airbus chopper qualified for the bidding. Much to the surprise of industry watchers, the state government seems to have accepted the single tender, instead of redrafting it to allow a fair competition to get better value for the public money being spent. The new helicopter selected by the government would cost the state exchequer around Rs 100 crore. According to sources, an order for this chopper is likely to be placed in a week's time from now. With the acquisition of this chopper, the Khattar government would have two flying machines. It had bought a Beechcraft jet plane for about Rs 45 crore in its previous term.

DEFENCE OFFSET

MoD SUMMONS DEFAULTERS, BUT STALEMATE CONTINUES

The Defence Offset Management Wing of the Ministry of Defence last week summoned all the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) who have not honoured their offset commitments. The OEMs were asked to explain why they have not implemented their offset contracts and by when they would discharge their duty. Four sessions lasting about an hour each were held with the defaulters. Among them are the world's largest defence companies. These companies had sold their wares to the government of India and had agreed to invest in India, 30% of the payment received from the government. They had signed separate offset contracts along with the contracts for the sale of their equipment. Sources said about three dozen companies were called by the MoD to seek explanation. The MoD, however, did not insist on any deadline for fulfilling the offset cosmmitment. Neither did the OEMs offer any time schedule for the same, sources said. As a result, the stalemate between MoD and the OEMs continues, putting a question mark over the success of the government's offset policy.

Nirmala, Goyal in BJP first list of 16 candidates for Rajya Sabha poll

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE Bharatiya Janata Party on Sunday released its first list of 16 candidates for the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections, with Union ministers Nirmala Sitharaman and Piyush Goyal being the most prominent faces to be fielded.

Goyal, who is the Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha, has been fielded from Maharashtra and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman from Karnataka. The elections for 52 Rajya Sabha seats are scheduled to be held on June 10 in 15 states, including Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Haryana and Maharashtra.

Interestingly, the names of BJP lone Muslim face and Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, and party general secretary Dushyanat Gautam, who was a member of the Upper House from Haryana, were missing in the first list of candidates. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe was another prominent name that did not figure in the list released on Sunday.

Of the 16 candidates announced, six are from Uttar Pradesh — Laxaminkant Vajpayee, Radhamohan Aggarwal, Surendra Singh Nagar, Baburam Nishad, Darshana Singh and Sangita Yadav. Aggarwal had left his Gorakhpur Urban constituency for Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to contest in the recent assembly polls.

The party has fielded former MLA Krishna Lal Panwar from Haryana and Kavita Patidar from MP. Actor-turned-politician Jaggesh is the second person nominated by the party from Karnataka.

Apart from Goyal, Anil Deshmukha Bonde will be the second nominee from Maharashtra while Ghanshayam Tewari has been field from Rajasthan. Interestingly, Tiwari is a vocal critic of former Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje, who has an uneasy equation with the BJP's central leadership.

Kalpana Saini has been given the ticket from Uttarakhand and Satish Chandra Dubey and Shambhu Sharan Patel from Bihar.

Sources said the second list of candidatures will also be announced on Monday.

The BJP has tried to maintain social balance with members from all castes, including OBC, SC and ST, being given tickets in the first list. Shambhu Patel, who is the nominee from Bihar, belongs to extremely backward caste Dhanuk while another nominee from the state, Satish Chandra Dubey, is a Brahmin.

The last date for filing of nominations is May 31. The last date for withdrawal of candidature is June 3.

Nirmala Sitharaman

Piyush Goyal

Ghanshyam Tewari

Radhamohan Aggarwal

UP has biggest tally

UP sends 31 members to Rajya Sabha. Among the 11 retiring MPs from the state, five are from the BJP, three from the SP, two from the BSP and one from the Congress.

PC and Ramesh in Congress list of 10 nominees for RS

EXPRESS NEW SERVICE @ New Delhi

CLOSE on the heels of the BJP announcing its Rajya Sabha candidate list, the Congress also declared the names of 10 nominees.

While P Chidambaram has been fielded from Tamil Nadu, Vivek Tankha has got the ticket from Madhya Pradesh, as reported by *TNIE* earlier. But the big surprise was the omission of Ghulam Nabi Azad, the most prominent among the G-23 leaders who was earlier the party's leader in the Upper House.

The grand old party has fielded Jairam Ramesh from Karnataka, Ajay Maken from Haryana and its chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala from Rajasthan.

Rajeev Shukla and Ranjeet Ranjan were nominated from Chhattisgarh and Imran Pratapgarhi from Maharashtra.

Among the G-23 leaders, who wrote to party chief Sonia Gandhi over organisational revamp, Mukul Wasnik has been named from Rajasthan. Azad and Anand Sharma were considered to be probables for Rajya Sabha seat as part of the truce agreement between leadership and the G-23. However, sources said they have been included in the political advisory group to former Congress chief Sonia Gandhi.

P Chidambaram

Jairam Ramesh

Ajay Maken

Randeep Surjewala

Former party MP and party's Brahmimface in Uttar Pradesh, Prampd Tiwari has been fielded from Rajasthan. The party hopes to win three of the four seats in the state. None of leaders fielded from Rajasthan belong to the state.

Of the 55 vacancies arising in the Rajya Sabha in the next two months, seven Congress members — Chidambaram (Maharashtra), Ramesh (Karnataka), Ambika Soni (Punjab), Tankha (MP), Pradeep Tamta (Uttarakhand), Kapil Sibal (Uttar Pradesh) and Chhaya Verma (Chhattisgarh) — will be completing their terms.

SOUTH SURVEY

Work overload a major concern for teachers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

TEACHERS are most overburdened in Tamil Nadu and least equipped in Karnataka among the four southern states, according to the findings of the National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021.

While the focus of the survey was the assessment of the students, the teachers' responses showed that they were grappling with issues like the availability of adequate instructional material and work overload, among others. In Tamil Nadu, 58 per cent of the teachers said they were overloaded with work. Nearly half of the Kerala teachers said the same, against 37 per cent in Karnataka and 36 in Andhra Pradesh.

The teachers were also asked if they had adequate instructional material. Only 37 per cent of Karnataka teachers said they were well equipped to teach against 58 per cent in Tamil Nadu, 53 per cent in Kerala and 43 per cent in Andhra.

Twenty-three per cent teachers in Karnataka said their school building needed urgent repairs. Kerala seems to have the least problem with infrastructure as only 15 per cent said talked of building repair.

Assam to provide minority certificate to 6 communities

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE Assam government will provide minority certificates to six communities — Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and Parsis.

A decision regarding this was taken during a meeting of the state Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, on Sunday. The modalities for issuing the cerificates will be decided soon.

Briefing reporters on the Cabinet's decisions, Health Minister Keshab Mahanta said there had been the practice of issuing SC, ST and OBC certificates but no minority certificates. "We are starting it now for the first time. We have a Minorities Development Department, but who are the minorities? There was no certificate-based identification of the minorities. Now, they will have the certificates. These will help them avail of (government) benefits," he said.

The decision comes within months of CM's statement that the definition of a minority needed to be relooked. "Minority definition must change district by district depending upon the geography, population and threat perception," he had said.

100 unicorns a matter of pride for all Indians: PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIA touched the milestone of having 100 unicorns on May 5, giving a boost to the startup ecosystem in the country, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday. The total valuation of these unicorns is more than more than ₹25 lakh crore rupees, he added.

During his 'Maan Ki Baat' radio programme, Modi termed the milestone as a "matter of pride for every Indian". "You will also be surprised to know that out of our 100 unicorns, 44 came up in 2021 and 14 more unicorns were formed in the last three to four months this year; this means that even in the phase of the global pandemic, start-ups have been creating wealth and value," he said.

Out of our 100 unicorns, 44 came up in 2021 and 14 more were formed in the last three to four months...even in the phase of global pandemic, start-ups have been creating wealth

PM Narendra Modi

The PM further said average annual growth rate of Indian unicorns has been more than those of the US, the UK and many other countries. "People with innovative ideas can create wealth in India and India's start-up ecosystem is not limited to just big cities; entrepreneurs are emerging from smaller cities and towns as well. This shows that in India, the one who has an innovative idea can create wealth," the PM said. He cited persons like Sridhar Vembu, Madan Palki and Meera Shenoy, who have carved a niche for themselves in the start-up world, to encourage the people.

The PM quoted an innovative initiative in Tamil Nadu, named 'Tharagaigal Kaivinai Porutkal Virpanai Angad' under which Thanjaur Dolls and bronze lamps are produced by women associated with 22 self-help groups in Thanjavur. "India is a rich treasure house of many languages, scripts and dialects. Varied attire, cuisine and culture in different regions are our hallmark. As a nation this diversity strengthens us and keeps us united," he told the listeners.

The PM also spoke at length about the momentum of Swachh Bharat campaign. He urged the citizens to participate in the International Yoga Day on June 21. "The pandemic has made all of us realise the overarching importance of health in our lives and Yoga being a great medium in ensuring the same. People are experiencing how yoga is boosting their physical, spiritual and intellectual well-being."

Govt to go for 'value engineering' to speed up NH work and save costs too

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is on the verge of finalisation of 'value engineering practices' for national highway projects to expedite construction, reduce the cost and also to augment asset durability.

The move is part of the Central government's ambitious plan to adopt worldwide best practices in engineering techniques in design and construction for sustainable highways development.

Apart from optimization of the value of the project, introduction of value engineering practices also aims to ramp up aesthetics, safety and promote environmental sustainability.

The 24-point draft prepared on value engineering practices suggests that there may be a reduction of initial project cost to the tune of 20-30 per cent. There will also be time savings, less consumption of road building materials and less emission of greenhouse gas without compromising performance durability of the highways.

Usage of fibre reinforced micro-surfacing, micro-bituminous concrete, high damping rubber bearing, construction & demolitionwaste and recycling of reclaimed bituminous layer material are in focus in the guidelines.

Micro-surfacing is an eco-friendly treatment, which is used to restore the surface characteristics of the road. If the pavement is structurally adequate, micro-surfacing is very suitable to preserve the pavement from ageing, oxidation, aggregate loss and polishing irrespective of the traffic flow. Fibre reinforced Micro-surfacing is much superior to conventional micro-surfacing, reads the guidelines.

TRAINS TO B'DESH

Passenger train services Maitree Express and Bandhan Express, between Bangladesh and India, resumed on Sunday, two years after it was paused due to the pandemic, according to Bangladesh Railway officials

3 DIE IN LIGHTNING STRIKE IN CHHATTISGARH'S JASHPUR

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	41	30	Mumbai	34	29
Bhopal	40	28	Panaji	31	28
Jaipur	41	29	Patna	37	29
Amritsar	40	26	Lucknow	39	29
Chennai	37	28	Port Blair	32	28
Kolkata	36	28	Imphal	31	20
Srinagar	25	10	Chandigarh	46	30

Police officials display the explosives (L) recovered from the downed Pakistani drone (R) in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday | PTI

NK-made drone from Pak shot down

J&K cops recover magnetic bombs, grenades from hexactoper which came across border

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE J&K Police on Sunday shot down a Pakistani drone of North Korean origin and recovered magnetic bombs and grenades from it.

SSP Kathua Ramesh Chander Kotwal said the police were conducting early morning searches in Rajbagh area of Kathua district, which is close to the International Border (IB) with Pakistan, as part of anti-tunnel and anti-drone exercises.

"We had received information from locals about drone activity in the border area. We had put the area in focus and were conducting early morning searches in the area," he said.

According to Kotwal, the policemen detected a drone (hexactoper) flying about 2-3 km inside the Indian side of the border at Rajbagh.

"When it was coming down, the policemen fired at and shot it down," he said.

Terming it a major success for security forces, the SSP said a major militant conspiracy to spread terrorism and disturb peace in J&K has been foiled by recovering the weapons.

The policemen, according to sources, fired 13 rounds at the drone. "The downed drone is North Korea made," the SSP said, adding that experts of bomb disposal squad recovered seven magnetic (sticky) bombs and seven under barrel grenade launcher (UBGL) grenades from it.

The experts are examining the drone to find out the location of its launch.

Security forces have recovered many sticky bombs in J&K in the last few years. Kotwal said sticky bombs are posing a security challenge.

The recovery of sticky bombs has come about a fortnight after the mysterious fire in a passenger bus in Katra on May 14 in which four Vaishno Devi pilgrims were killed and 22 others injured.

The J&K Police, assisted by the NIA, are probing the nature and cause of the fire.

FOUND FLYING WITHIN INDIAN SIDE

Police detected a drone (hexactoper) flying about 2-3 km inside the Indian side of the border at Rajbagh. They fired 13 rounds at the drone which is of North Korea-make. Experts of bomb disposal squad recovered seven magnetic (sticky) bombs and seven under barrel grenade launcher (UBGL) grenades from it

MOOSEWALA KILLING

Dismiss Punjab govt: Cong puts blame on AAP

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

OPPOSITION parties in Punjab on Sunday launched a scathing attack on the ruling AAP after singer **Sidhu Moosewala** was shot dead in broad daylight, two days after the state government withdrew his security cover.

In his latest track titled *The Last Ride*, Moosewala had penned that "he would die at a young age". The song is being widely shared on social media after his gruesome killing.

Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, who had played a major role in bringing Moosewala into the Congress fold, said he was shocked beyond belief and expression. "He was showered with bullets in Mansa just two days after @BhagwantMann govt withdrew his security. @AAPPunjab govt has lost moral authority. It must be DISMISSED (sic)," said Warring in a tweet.

Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal hit out at Chief minister Bhagwant Mann over his government's decision to reduce security. "This is an extremely sombre and critical hour, requiring all of us to exercise restraint and statesmanship. On his part, the CM must reflect deeply why Punjab under him has drifted into anarchy with total breakdown of law & order," Badal tweeted.

"The CM must honestly think if the cheaply populist decision to withdraw Moosewala's security is directly responsible for the tragedy," Badal wrote.

Former CM Captain Amarinder Singh said law and order has completely collapsed in Punjab. "... Criminals have no fear of law. @AAPPunjab government has miserably failed. Nobody is safe in Punjab!" he tweeted.

While BJP leader Sunil Jakhar said the ruling AAP must be held accountable for tinkering with security issues, another saffron party leader Manjinder Singh Sirsa demanded a case be registered against Bhagwant Mann for "negligence of duties".

BHOPAL DIARY

ANURAAG SINGH
Our correspondent in Madhya Pradesh
singhanuraag.jaurno@gmail.com

Jyotiraditya Jr in no hurry to join politics

Union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia's young cricket administrator son Mahanaryaman Jyotiraditya Scindia (in pic) seems to be in no hurry to join politics, despite his father having often batted in the past for politicians' children stepping into their parents political shoes. "The main problem is that youths are in a hurry to join politics to bring change, without even having any understanding of their country, region or people. First of all, try to gather experience in variegated fields, spanning from jobs to business to sports, make name for yourselves there to become self-dependent and then only think about taking a plunge into politics," he said at a youth festival in native Gwalior recently.

Nath asks Cong cadre to learn from BJP peers

In politics it's a rarity to see a politician publicly praising opponents. It happened; however, in MP bound for the panchayat polls. Addressing state party's Panchayati Raj Institution Cell gathering at MP Congress headquarters, state party president Kamal Nath didn't hesitate to tell workers why BJP wins. The former CM commended the strategy and management of the BJP organisation when it comes to contesting elections, telling party workers that, "Our competition is not only with the BJP, but with the BJP organisation. "Their (BJP) cadre don't have to be told by leaders what to do, as they're already working on own. Our real competition is with the BJP organisation."

Digvijaya trolled again for wrong picture

Congress veteran and Rajya Sabha member Digvijaya Singh seems to have done it again. The ex-MP CM recently posted a picture of a handpump on a pillar of soil on Twitter to attack the BJP government on rampant sand mining. However, he was soon trolled by MP BJP leader Dr Hitesh Bajpai, who claimed it wasn't a picture of MP or any other BJP-ruled state, but was instead of Jharkhand, where the Congress was part of the anti-BJP ruling coalition. Another Twitter user reminded Digvijaya Singh on how he landed in legal trouble earlier during the Ram Navami violence in Khargone, after the latter posted a picture from Bihar in a tweet about the issue. He had to delete the post later.

HARYANA POLL

Kejriwal dares BJP to fight with Khattar as CM face

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chandigarh

DARING the ruling BJP in Haryana to fight the next Assembly election in the state with Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar as its chief ministerial candidate, Aam Aadmi supremo Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday alleged that the state government is riddled with corruption.

With local body elections scheduled next month, politics in Delhi's neighbouring state has heated up. Addressing a party rally in Kurukshethra, Kejriwal appealed the people to vote for AAP in the civic polls.

The Delhi CM, who hails from Haryana, also tried to play up his "homely feeling" for the state. "I feel good when people call me 'Haryana ka lal'. Haryana is my Janam Bhoomi."

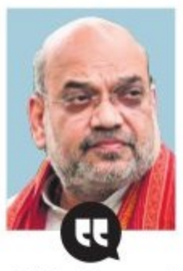
Questioning the Khattar government's record on providing jobs, Kejriwal claimed his government in Delhi gave jobs to 12 lakh people and has a plan to give 20 lakh more jobs in the next five years.

Meanwhile, at a rally in Sirsa, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said his government will not tolerate corruption at any cost. Khattar also raised the slogan '*Bhrashtachar ka Kaal*, Manohar Lal (The slayer of corruption, Manohar Lal)'.

CONGRESS DID NOTHING FOR OBCs, SAYS SHAH

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

TRYING to strengthen the BJP's OBC vote bank ahead of the Gujarat Assembly election, Union home minister Amit Shah on Sunday reiterated that the Central government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave constitutional recognition to the backward classes commission, which the Congress "failed" to do during its 70 years of rule.



PM Modi increased the budget for cooperatives seven times, removed some taxes in the sugar sector, reduced the MAT and surcharge on cooperative organisations

Amit Shah, Union Home Minister

Attending a function in Godhra, Shah said the grand old party ruled the country for 70 years but "did nothing for the OBCs". "The National Commission on Backward Classes (NCBC) has been given constitutional recognition by the Narendra Modi government. We have given reservation to OBCs in the central medical quota and included 27 ministers from the OBC community in the Cabinet to promote backward classes," the senior BJP leader further said.

Shah, who also holds the cooperative portfolio at the Centre, alleged that previous Congress governments failed to create an environment conducive for the sector. He further said the Centre has come up with a plan to computerise all cooperatives and connect them directly to NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development), for which ₹6500 crore has been provisioned.

Shah was addressing a large gathering of milk producers in Panchmahal district after remotely inaugurating two plants set up by the Godhra-based Panchamrut Dairy.

Listing out the steps taken by the Modi government for the cooperative sector, Shah said the cooperative ministry was formed to give priority to the sector. "PM Modi increased the budget for cooperatives seven times, removed some taxes in the sugar sector, reduced the MAT (minimum alternate tax) to 15 from 18 per cent, and surcharge to 7 from 12 per cent on cooperative organisations," he further said.

Shah also inaugurated several projects related to the state police department. Launching a broadside on the Congress, Shah alleged that Congress worked to create communal riots in the state.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath with Deputy Chief Ministers Brajesh Pathak and KP Maurya during BJP state working committee meeting, in Lucknow on Sunday | PTI

2024 LS election: Yogi sets target of winning 75 seats in Uttar Pradesh

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

EXHORTING the BJP cadre to be battle-ready for the 2024 Lok Sabha election, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday set a target of winning 75 of the 80 seats in the state.

Addressing the saffron party's first day-long state executive after the Assembly polls, Adityanath said that the "historic mandate" earned by the party in the Assembly election was a clear indication of people's changed perception about the parties and that the electorate valued transparency in administration and clean governance.

In 2019, the BJP had won 62 Lok Sabha seats in UP while its ally Apna Dal (S) had registered victory on two seats despite a grand alliance of SP and BSP mounting a formidable challenge.

"With people's overwhelming support and our diligence, we got better results in the Assembly polls. In 2024, under the leadership of PM Modi, we have to march ahead with the target of winning 75 seats in Uttar Pradesh," the CM said.

Claiming that UP has become "free from communal conflagrations", Adityanath said all recent festivals, including Ram Navami, Hanuman Jayanti, Parashuram Jayanti and Eid, passed off peacefully in UP while several states witnessed tension.

The CM claimed that for the first time, *Alvida Namaz* was not held on roads this year. "Ram Navami and Hanuman Jayanti went off peacefully. For the first time, the last Friday *namaz* before Eid was not held on the streets. For namaz there is a place of worship. Religious functions can be held at mosques."

BJP state chief Swatantra Dev Singh congratulated PM Modi and Home minister Amit Shah and other leaders for the recent election victory.

With people's overwhelming support and our diligence, we got better results in the Assembly polls. In 2024, we have to march ahead with the target of winning 75 seats — Yogi Adityanath

Bihar to use mathematical modelling to predict floods five days in advance

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

PLAGUED by the perennial floods which maroon millions of people during the monsoon in the state, the Bihar government has deployed modern technology to receive alerts about possible deluges five days in advance.

The government has set up real-time water level monitoring systems at 25 locations while automatic rainfall stations have been opened at 52 places. By using mathematical models, the authorities claim that they will be able to identify the locations where embankments are under severe pressure. With monsoon season fast approaching, the state government aims to receive information related to the flow flow in the rivers.

"Information from the mathematical modelling centres will be 90 per cent accurate, enabling the government to launch relief and rescue operation in time," claimed state water resources minister Sanjay Jha.

Earlier, mathematical models were able to give flood alerts 72 hours in advance. Receiving flood alerts five days in advance would likely help the authorities to prevent loss of human lives during floods.

The authorities are focusing on five major rivers — Ganga, Gandak, Baghmati, Kosi and Mahananda — and their tributaries in the state.

As much as 73.63 per cent of north Bihar's geographical area is considered flood-prone. Out of the 38 districts in the state, 28 get flooded — 15 of them worst affected — causing huge loss of property, lives and infrastructure.

Normal life in Bihar goes out of gear every year due to floods and people face serious hardship in commuting as roads and railway tracks get submerged.

STRENGTH

Exaggeration: Bengal BJP on radar of top brass

KOLKATA: Following the completion of an internal survey to gauge the organisation's strength in booth level before the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, the BJP high command came down heavily on BJP's Bengal chapter for submitting exaggerated report on party's strength in the grassroots.

In the internal survey, the central leadership found booth committees do not exist at many places though it was mentioned in the state unit's report that was placed ahead of the 2021 Assembly elections in the state. The BJP's Bengal unit has now been asked to take certain steps to cross-check the report again. *ENS*

Guv Dhankhar mounts attack on Mamata govt over chancellor bill

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

THE face-off between the West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar and the state government intensified on Sunday after the former flayed the state cabinet's approval to replace him with CM Mamata Banerjee as the chancellor of state universities. Dhankhar said the new move was a "ploy" to generate media optics and "divert attention" from the pressing problems in the state.

"The proposal and approval of the cabinet is nothing but a ploy to divert attention from the pressing problems of the state. I am not concerned about what the government does unless the papers reach me. When the papers will be placed before me, I will take a call according to constitutional provisions," said Dhankhar.

The Bengal cabinet on May 26 approved a proposal to appoint Mamata as the chancellor of state-run universities. Sources in the cabinet said a Bill to amend the change will be placed in the floor of the state Assembly before sending it to the governor and if the governor does not give a nod, the government will implement the change through an ordinance.

Hinting at the options before him, Dhankhar said: "A Bill becomes an Act only when governor signs on it. An ordinance is also issued when the governor gives consent."

Dhankhar also accused TMC's general secretary Abhishek Banerjee of "crossing the red line" by criticising the judiciary for ordering CBI probe into various cases.

The state government is likely to place another Bill in the Assembly to replace the governor as the visitor of private universities with the education minister. Referring to it, Dhankhar said, "VCs of public institutions and chancellors of private universities have created a union. I have constituted a committee to investigate their affairs."

44 dead and 56 missing in torrential rain drenching northeastern Brazil since Tuesday, the government said on Sunday

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	31	15	SNY	Los Angeles	24	14	LC
Colombo	29	25	TDS	Melbourne	12	8	HR
Dhaka	32	27	TDS	Moscow	21	13	LC
Dubai	35	25	SNY	New York	30	22	SNY
Houston	32	25	LC	Singapore	33	27	LC
Istanbul	28	18	SNY	Toronto	25	18	LC
London	16	9	LR	Washington	33	20	SNY

4 Indians among 22 on board missing Nepal plane

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

A NEPALESE airlines plane with 22 people on board, including four members of an Indian family, went missing in the mountainous region of the country on Sunday morning, a few minutes after it took off from Pokhara, around 200 km east of Kathmandu.

The fate of the passengers remained unclear as search and rescue operations had to be called off in the evening due to heavy snowfall and bad weather. The 43-year-old Twin Otter (DHC 6/300) aircraft, operated by Nepal's Tara Air, was headed for Jomsom, a popular tourist location, when it went missing.

The condition of the plane that took off at 10:15am from Pokhara is unknown till now, the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN) said in a statement.

"The Nepal Army has halted all efforts of search and rescue for the day due to loss of daylight and adverse weather conditions. The search will be resumed early in the morning tomorrow (Monday) both from air and ground. Our search and rescue team is on standby," said a spokesperson of the Nepal Army, adding that the incident site is believed to be around Lete, Mustang. The residents around the area had reportedly heard a loud noise and noticed something burning. "Once our troops reach the location, we will be able to verify the statements of the villagers," the spokesperson said. According to the army, the plane went missing at the mouth of the Lamche river near Manapthi Himal.

As per the flight's manifest, the four Indians are Ashok Kumar Tripathi, his wife Vaibhavi and children Dhanush and Ritika—a family based in Thane city near Mumbai. The other passengers included two Germans and 13 Nepali passengers, besides a three-member crew on board, according to a spokesperson of the airline.

The passengers were probably headed for Muktinath, which is a known pilgrimage and a popular tourist destination. According to sources, the area had witnessed incessant rain during the past few days. The inclement weather could have been one of the reasons for the plane going missing, the sources said. Meanwhhile, the signals from the pilots' phones were being transmitted till late afternoon on Sunday, raising hopes of survivors.

(With inputs from agencies)

Family members and relatives of passengers on board the Twin Otter aircraft operated by Tara Air cry outside the airport in Pokhara on Sunday | AFP

POSSIBLE INCIDENT SITE

- A Nepal Army spokesman said troops and the helicopter with rescue teams were trying to locate the possible incident site — believed to be in and around Lete, Mustang.
- The local residents around the area had reportedly heard a loud noise and noticed something burning.
- According to the army, the plane went missing at the mouth of the Lamche river near Manapthi Himal.

Afghan women demand education, work in Kabul protest

KABUL

ABOUT two dozen Afghan women chanting "bread, work, freedom" protested in the capital on Sunday against the Taliban's harsh restrictions on their rights.

Since seizing power in August, the Taliban have rolled back the marginal gains made by women during the two decades of US intervention in Afghanistan. "Education is my right! Reopen schools!" chanted the protesters, many of them wearing face-covering veils, as they gathered in front of the ministry of education. Demonstrators marched for a few hundred metres before ending the rally as authorities deployed Taliban fighters in plain clothes, an AFP correspondent reported.

"We wanted to read out a declaration but the Taliban didn't allow it," said protester Zholia Parsi. "They took the mobile phones of some girls and also prevented us from taking photos or videos of our protest."

After seizing power, the Taliban had promised a softer version of the harsh Islamist rule that characterised their first stint in power from 1996 to 2001. But many restrictions have already been imposed. *AFP*

Russian forces tighten grip on key cities as fight for Donbas rages

KRAMATORSK

THE BATTLE for control of the eastern Ukrainian region of Donbas raged on Sunday as Russian forces tightened their grip around the key cities of Severodonetsk and Lysychansk. The situation in Lysychansk had become "significantly worse", the regional governor of the Lugansk region, Sergiy Gaiday, said on the messaging service, Telegram.

"A Russian shell fell on a residential building, a girl died and four people were hospitalised," he said. Meanwhile, on the eastern bank of the Donets river, Russian forces "carried out assault operations in the area of the city of Severodonetsk," according to the Ukrainian general staff.

Fighting was advancing street-by-street in the city, Gaiday said.

More than three months after Moscow invaded its pro-Western neighbour, French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz called for "direct serious negotiations" between Russian leader Vladimir Putin and his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelenskyy. The two European leaders also "insisted on an immediate ceasefire and a withdrawal of Russian troops" in an 80-minute phone call with the Russian leader on Saturday, the German chancellor's office said. Since failing to capture the capital Kyiv in the early stages of the war, Russia has shifted its focus to the eastern Donbas region as it attempts to consolidate areas under its control.

"The situation is very difficult, especially in those areas in the Donbas and Kharkiv regions, where the Russian army is trying to squeeze at least some result for itself," Zelenskyy said in his daily address to the nation late on Saturday. Earlier, Russia's defence ministry had said the "town of Krasny Liman (Moscow's name for Lyman) has been entirely liberated from Ukrainian nationalists."

Lyman lies on the road to Kramatorsk and Severodonetsk, which is "now surrounded," according to a police official in Lugansk province cited by Russian state media.

But governor Gaiday insisted that "Severodonetsk has not been cut off. "There is still the possibility to deliver humanitarian aid," he told Ukrainian television. In Severodonetsk, where an estimated 15,000 civilians remain, a local official said *AFP*

J&K Bank Serving To Empower

National Business Centre
Zonal Office Mumbai
1st & 2nd Floor, Bandra Kurla Complex,
Bandra (E) Mumbai- 400051

Ref. No.: JKB/IAPM/407 Dated: 26-04-2022

a) Mr. A Fairoz, S/o. Abdul Wahab (Borrower/ Mortgagor), **b) Mr. Tauseef Pasha, S/o. Mr. A Fairoz** (Borrower), **c) Mrs. Tabasum, W/o. Mr. A Fairoz (Borrower)** All Residing at: #26/1, B Cooks Road, Nehruputram, Thimayya Road, Bangalore North-560001. **Also at:** No.35, PID No 91-94-35, Nethaji Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005. **d) Mr. Haneef Mohammed Sardar, S/o. Mr. Mohammed Sardar,** R/o # 3, 3rd Cross, Haines Road, Bharathi Nagar, Bangalore-560051. (Guarantors)

Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of The Secrutisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002.

Dear Sir/s,

This Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "The Act") is issued by me Mr. Arshad Nazir on 26th day of April 2022 as Authorized Officer of Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd duly empowered in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 for the reasons stated hereinafter:

Whereas, Business unit, Frazer Town Bangalore of Jammu and Kashmir Bank (hereinafter called Bank) sanctioned Housing Loan facility of Rs.35.00 Lacs vide sanctioned Ref.No: JKB/ZOS/ADV/2019/335 dated 08.07.2019 to you (herein after also referred as borrower).

Whereas above said credit facility was secured by following securities:

Primary security: Extension of charge on equitable mortgage of all that piece and parcel of the immovable property together with the structure standing thereon bearing No. 35, PID 91-94-35 situated at Netaji Road Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005. Within the Jurisdiction of Bruhut Bangalore Mahanagra palike BBMP Limits ward No 91, (earlier Northern Portion with a residential house of ground and first floor of 5 squares) Netaji road Bangalore formerly known as Tannery road ,corporation division No 47,Civil station Bangalore and **bounded on the:** East by: Private property, West by: Nethaji Road, North by: Private property, South by: Southern portion of same property and measuring: East: 32 Feet 6 Inches, West: 29 Feet 7 Inches, North: 47 Feet 2 Inches, South: 52 Feet 9 Inches Totally measuring 1550 Square Feet.

Collateral Security: Third party guarantee of one person namely Mr. Haneef Mohammed Sardar S/o Mr. Mohammed Sardar R/o # 3, 3rd Cross Haines Road, Bharathi Nagar Bangalore-560051.

Whereas the above said credit facility was availed by you as borrower after creation of security interest in the above referred properties (secured Assets) in favour of the Bank,

Whereas, borrower has failed to maintain the credit facility as per terms and conditions of the above referred sanction letter/s and other terms and conditions laid down in the documents executed by borrower in favour of the Bank, consequently borrower loan account No. 0746265500000089 has been classified by the Bank as Non-Performing Asset on 30.09.2021 in accordance with the directives and guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India. The details of loan account are as under:

S. No.	Facility	Sanctioned Limit	Limit Availed	Date of NPA	Amount of NPA	Unapplied Interest upto 31.03.2022	Total outstanding as on 31.03.2022
1	Housing Loan Facility	Rs.35.00 Lakhs	Rs.35.00 Lakhs	30.09. 2021	Rs. 33,81,219.03	Rs. 2,69,126.00	Rs. 36,50,345.03

In addition to amount outstanding as on 31.03.2022, Bank, as secured creditor, reserves the right to claim amount which may become due on account of crystallization of BG's and/or devolvement of L C's (if any)

Total outstanding as on 31.03.2022 is Rs.36, 50,345.03/-

Whereas the above said amount is due and payable from you as borrower in the books of accounts of the Bank.

Now since borrower has failed and neglected to make payment of dues in respect of the said Loan duly secured by the securities mentioned hereinabove, and classification of borrowers account as a Non-Performing Asset, I above named as Authorized Officer in exercise of the powers vested in me under the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 and rules made there under hereby give borrower notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of Securities and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon borrower to pay in full and discharge borrower liabilities aggregating to **Rs.36,50,345.03/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lacs Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Forty Five and Three Paisa only)** as stated herein above, together with interest at contractual rate thereon w. e. f. 01.04.2022 along with other charges and costs to be incurred by the Bank from time to time and thereby discharge in full all borrowers liabilities to the Bank within a period of 60 days from the date of this Notice failing which the Bank shall at borrowers costs and risk exercise its powers under the Act .

We further give borrower notice that in case of failure to pay the above mentioned outstanding amount with interest and costs till the date of payment within the stipulated period of 60 days, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act and;

i) In the event of borrower's failure to pay amount as demanded, Bank is authorized under the Act to take possession, control and or management of the above mentioned secured asset together with the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale, without the intervention of the court.

ii) All expenses incurred in the process shall be debited to borrower account and will be recovered from borrower. Moreover in the event of sale of the secured asset borrower liability is not discharged in full, Bank shall have right to recover the remaining balance from borrower.

iii) This demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which Bank may have including the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to Bank.

iv) Section 13(13) of the Act restrains borrower/mortgagor after the date of this notice from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of the Bank and breach of the said provision is an offence punishable under Section 29 of the Act.

v) This demand notice is recall of the loan amount and demand by the secured creditor of the outstanding amount without prejudice to the rights of the Bank to proceed as against the borrower / company / Directors / mortgagors / guarantors for initiating recovery proceedings under any other legal remedies.

vi) Borrower is also informed that it can redeem the secured asset within the time frame prescribed by section 13(8) of the Act.

Sd/- (Arshad Nazir)
Authorized Officer

J&K Bank Serving To Empower

National Business Centre
Zonal Office Mumbai
1st & 2nd Floor, Bandra Kurla Complex,
Bandra (E) Mumbai- 400051

Ref. No.: JKB/IAPM/406 Dated: 26-04-2022

Mr. Nazir Shariff, S/o. Late Basheer Shariff, R/o #24, 1-3 Bore Bank Road, Cross Benson Town, Bangalore-560046. **Also at:** 13/1 First Cross, Venkateshpuram, Arokiamma Layout, Bangalore-560045 (Borrower/ Mortgagor) **Mr. Kaleelullah Khan, S/o. Mr. Kaleemullah Khan,** R/o # 19, Issaq Sahib Street, JC Nagar, (NEW INDIA MDS), Bangalore-560006. (Guarantor)

Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of The Secrutisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002.

Dear Sir/s,

This Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "The Act") is issued by me Mr. Arshad Nazir on 26th day of April 2022 as Authorized Officer of Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd duly empowered in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 for the reasons stated hereinafter:

Whereas, Business unit, Frazer Town Bangalore of Jammu and Kashmir Bank (hereinafter called Bank) sanctioned Housing Loan facility of Rs.26.00 Lacs vide sanctioned Ref.No: JKB/ZOS/ADV/2013/1658 dated 25.11.2013 to you (herein after also referred as borrower).

Whereas above said credit facility was secured by following securities:

Primary Security: Equitable mortgage of all that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Flat Unit No. S-2 in 2nd Floor, HANSI ALPHA APPARTMENT New Municipal No. 67/7, PID 95-241-67/7 having a super built up area measuring 1034 sq. ft. along with 1/12th undivided share, right, title and interest in the land comprised therein in the land bearing old No. 1061 V.P Khata No 740/1061, of Kavabyrasandara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently bearing New B.B.M.P No. 67, Dr. Ambedkar Medical college road, Kavabyrasandara BBMP Ward No 95, Bangalore- 560032 now forming Northern portion of property bearing New No. 67, PID No 95-241-67 situated at Dr. Ambedkar Medical college road, Kavabyrasandara, Bangalore, and the entire property is **bounded:** East: By Road, West: By Road, North: By Private Property, South: By Private Property and the entire property measures on the, East to West: 84 feet and, North to South: 45 feet.

Collateral Security: Third party guarantee of one person namely Mr. Kaleelullah Khan S/o Mr. Kaleemullah Khan R/o # 19, Issaq Sahib Street, JC Nagar, (NEW INDIA MDS), Bangalore-560006.

Whereas the above said credit facility was availed by you as borrower after creation of security interest in the above referred properties (secured Assets) in favour of the Bank,

Whereas, borrower has failed to maintain the credit facility as per terms and conditions of the above referred sanction letter/s and other terms and conditions laid down in the documents executed by borrower in favour of the Bank, consequently borrower loan account No. 0746265500000003 has been classified by the Bank as Non-Performing Asset on 06.05.2021 in accordance with the directives and guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India. The details of loan account are as under:

S. No.	Facility	Sanctioned Limit	Limit Availed	Date of NPA	Amount of NPA	Unapplied Interest upto 31.03.2022	Total outstanding as on 31.03.2022
1	Housing Loan Facility	Rs.26.00 Lakhs	Rs.26.00 Lakhs	06.05. 2021	Rs. 19,79,286.98	Rs. 1,97,313.36	Rs. 21,76,600.34

In addition to amount outstanding as on 31.03.2022, Bank, as secured creditor, reserves the right to claim amount which may become due on account of crystallization of BG's and/or devolvement of L C's (if any)

Total outstanding as on 31-03-2022 is Rs.21,76,600.34/-

Whereas the above said amount is due and payable from you as borrower in the books of accounts of the Bank.

Now since borrower has failed and neglected to make payment of dues in respect of the said Loan duly secured by the securities mentioned hereinabove, and classification of borrowers account as a Non-Performing Asset, I above named as Authorized Officer in exercise of the powers vested in me under the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 and rules made there under hereby give borrower notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of Securities and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon borrower to pay in full and discharge borrower liabilities aggregating to **Rs.21,76,600.34/- (Rupees Twenty One Lacs Seventy Six Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Four Paisa only)** as stated herein above, together with interest at contractual rate thereon w. e. f. 01.04.2022 along with other charges and costs to be incurred by the Bank from time to time and thereby discharge in full all borrowers liabilities to the Bank within a period of 60 days from the date of this Notice failing which the Bank shall at borrowers costs and risk exercise its powers under the Act .

We further give borrower notice that in case of failure to pay the above mentioned outstanding amount with interest and costs till the date of payment within the stipulated period of 60 days, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act and;

i) In the event of borrower's failure to pay amount as demanded, Bank is authorized under the Act to take possession, control and or management of the above mentioned secured asset together with the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale, without the intervention of the court.

ii) All expenses incurred in the process shall be debited to borrower account and will be recovered from borrower. Moreover in the event of sale of the secured asset borrower liability is not discharged in full, Bank shall have right to recover the remaining balance from borrower.

iii) This demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which Bank may have including the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to Bank.

iv) Section 13(13) of the Act restrains borrower/mortgagor after the date of this notice from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of the Bank and breach of the said provision is an offence punishable under Section 29 of the Act.

v) This demand notice is recall of the loan amount and demand by the secured creditor of the outstanding amount without prejudice to the rights of the Bank to proceed as against the borrower / company / Directors / mortgagors / guarantors for initiating recovery proceedings under any other legal remedies.

vi) Borrower is also informed that it can redeem the secured asset within the time frame prescribed by section 13(8) of the Act.

Sd/- (Arshad Nazir)
Authorized Officer

J&K Bank Serving To Empower

National Business Centre
Zonal Office Mumbai
1st & 2nd Floor, Bandra Kurla Complex,
Bandra (E) Mumbai- 400051

Ref. No.: JKB/IAPM/405 Dated: 26-04-2022

1) Mr. Syed Hashmatulla, S/o. Late Syed Hussain, (Borrower/Mortgager). **2) Mrs. Tasmiya Banu, W/o. Mr. Syed Hashmatulla,** (Borrower). **3) Mrs.Haseena Taj, W/o. Mr. Syed Babu,** (Borrower). All Residing at: R/o #271, Thimmaiah Road, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore, HKP Road Karnataka-560051. **4) Mr. Ajmal Shaik, S/o. Mr. S A Ahmed,** R/o. # 402, 4th floor AJ Muneera Enclave, Lingarajpuram, Bangalore-560084. (Guarantor)

Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of The Secrutisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002.

Dear Sir/s,

This Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "The Act") is issued by me Mr. Farid Ahmad Khan on 26th day of April 2022 as Authorized Officer of Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd duly empowered in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 for the reasons stated hereinafter:

Whereas, Business unit, Frazer Town Bangalore of Jammu and Kashmir Bank (hereinafter called Bank) sanctioned Housing Loan facility of Rs.80.00 Lacs vide sanctioned Ref.No: JKB/ZOS/ADV/2018/839 dated 28.12.2018 to you (herein after also referred as borrower).

Whereas above said credit facility was secured by following securities:

Primary security: Equitable mortgage of all that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential flat bearing No.303,304,305, on 3rd floor portion having total super built up area 2967 sq. ft. (1095 sq. ft. + 991 sq. ft.+ 881 sq. ft.) and 382 sq. ft. (141 sq. ft.,128 sq. ft.,113 sq. ft.) Undivided share right title and interest in the land comprised therein along with Three covered car park space in the Stilt floor of the building known as A.J ELEGANCY constructed in the property No. 4, (Earlier forming a portion of the larger property No .31/ 4, Later forming the Western portion of No.4), situated at Nagawara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore. North Taluk and now known as Ibrahim Saheb Street, (Banath Street), Rashad Nagar, Corporation Ward No.23, Bangalore and together with common area, common facilities, common open space, common stair case, common water and sanitation, separate electricity, easement rights, other areas of common use and and appurtenances thereto with right to pass through all the common passages leading to the main road and free for ingress and egress at all times and entitled for all the common areas and amenities and the entire property is **bounded on the:** East by: Private Property; (Earlier forming the Eastern Portion of No.4, belonging to Mr.A.Mushtaq Ah, West by: Private Property; North by: Ibrahim Saheb Street; South by: Private Property; And the entire land property measuring on the: East by: 80 feet, West by: 76 feet 9 inches; North by: 75 feet 9 inches, South by: 70 feet 3 inches + 14 feet, Totally measuring in all 6321 square feet;

Collateral Security: Third party guarantee of one person namely Mr. Ajmal Shaik S/o Mr. S A Ahmed R/o # 402, 4th floor AJ Muneera enclave Lingarajpuram Bangalore-560084.

Whereas the above said credit facility was availed by you as borrower after creation of security interest in the above referred properties (secured Assets) in favour of the Bank,

Whereas, borrower has failed to maintain the credit facility as per terms and conditions of the above referred sanction letter/s and other terms and conditions laid down in the documents executed by borrower in favour of the Bank, consequently borrower loan account No. 0746265500000072 has been classified by the Bank as Non-Performing Asset on 06.05.2021 in accordance with the directives and guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India. The details of loan account are as under:

S. No.	Facility	Sanctioned Limit	Limit Availed	Date of NPA	Amount of NPA	Unapplied Interest upto 31.03.2022	Total outstanding as on 31.03.2022
1	Housing Loan Facility	80.00 Lakhs	80.00 Lakhs	06.05. 2021	Rs. 76,32,762.00	Rs. 7,45,918.34	Rs. 83,78,680.34

In addition to amount outstanding as on 31.03.2022, Bank, as secured creditor, reserves the right to claim amount which may become due on account of crystallization of BG's and/or devolvement of L C's (if any)

Total outstanding as on 31.03.2022 is Rs.83,78,680.34/-

Whereas the above said amount is due and payable from you as borrower in the books of accounts of the Bank.

Now since borrower has failed and neglected to make payment of dues in respect of the said Loan duly secured by the securities mentioned hereinabove, and classification of borrowers account as a Non-Performing Asset, I above named as Authorized Officer in exercise of the powers vested in me under the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 and rules made there under hereby give borrower notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of Securities and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon borrower to pay in full and discharge borrower liabilities aggregating to **Rs.83,78,680.34/- (Rupees Eighty Three Lacs Seventy Eight Thousands Six Hundred Eighty and Thirty Four Paisa only)** as stated herein above, together with interest at contractual rate thereon w. e. f. 01.04.2022 along with other charges and costs to be incurred by the Bank from time to time and thereby discharge in full all borrowers liabilities to the Bank within a period of 60 days from the date of this Notice failing which the Bank shall at borrowers costs and risk exercise its powers under the Act .

We further give borrower notice that in case of failure to pay the above mentioned outstanding amount with interest and costs till the date of payment within the stipulated period of 60 days, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act and;

i) In the event of borrower's failure to pay amount as demanded, Bank is authorized under the Act to take possession, control and or management of the above mentioned secured asset together with the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale, without the intervention of the court.

ii) All expenses incurred in the process shall be debited to borrower account and will be recovered from borrower. Moreover in the event of sale of the secured asset borrower liability is not discharged in full, Bank shall have right to recover the remaining balance from borrower.

iii) This demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which Bank may have including the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to Bank.

iv) Section 13(13) of the Act restrains borrower/mortgagor after the date of this notice from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of the Bank and breach of the said provision is an offence punishable under Section 29 of the Act.

v) This demand notice is recall of the loan amount and demand by the secured creditor of the outstanding amount without prejudice to the rights of the Bank to proceed as against the borrower / company / Directors / mortgagors / guarantors for initiating recovery proceedings under any other legal remedies.

vi) Borrower is also informed that it can redeem the secured asset within the time frame prescribed by section 13(8) of the Act.

Sd/- (Arshad Nazir)
Authorized Officer

J&K Bank Serving To Empower

National Business Centre
Zonal Office Mumbai
1st & 2nd Floor, Bandra Kurla Complex,
Bandra (E) Mumbai- 400051

Ref. No.: JKB/IAPM/404 Dated: 26-04-2022

a) Mr. Atheeq Ahmed Cingarpet Abdullah, S/o. Late Abdulla Basha, R/o. #88/2, Robertson Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005. (Borrower/ Mortgagor). **b) Ms. Ayesha Banu, W/o. Mr. Siraj Ahmed,** R/o. # 7 B Street Haines Road, Cleveland Town Post Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005. (Guarantors). **c) Mr. A Ajmal, S/o. Ammath,** R/o. 7, 11th Cross ground Floor, Ayyappa Temple Road Arvind Nagar, Bangalore-560084. (Guarantors).

Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of The Secrutisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002.

Dear Sir/s,

This Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "The Act") is issued by me Mr. Arshad Nazir on 26th day of April 2022 as Authorized Officer of Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd duly empowered in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 for the reasons stated hereinafter:

Whereas, Business unit, Frazer Town Bangalore of Jammu and Kashmir Bank (hereinafter called Bank) sanctioned Housing Loan facility of Rs.33.00 Lacs vide sanctioned Ref.No: JKB/ZOS/ADV/2015/2197 dated 16.01.2015 to you (herein after also referred as borrower).

Whereas above said credit facility was secured by following securities:

Primary security: Equitable mortgage of:

(i) All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal Corporation No. 5 (Old No's 2, 3 and 4), PID 79-39-5, Corporation ward No.79, situated at velu Mudaliar Road, K Kamaraj Road Cross, Bangalore. Measuring East 43 feet; West (32+11)/2 feet and North 38 feet, South (25'.6"+12'3")/2 feet in all measuring 1236.625 Sq. ft. and **bounded on:** East by: Property bearing No.4, Velu Mudaliar Road, West by: Property bearing No.5/1 Velu Mudaliar Road North by: Velu Mudaliar Road, South by: Property bearing No.9 Sabapathy Lane.

(ii) Flat bearing No FF-01, First floor bearing 1150 sq. ft. in the apartment known as A J Residency along with 370 sq.ft. undivided share in the land constructed on the property mentioned in "Item no (i)" constructed with hollow Blocks ,RCC Roofing ,Mosaic Flooring, Sal wood doors with powder coated glazed Aluminum windows together with proportionate share in common areas and provided with basic amenities along with one car parking in the basement.

Collateral Security: Third party guarantee of two persons namely

d) Ms. Ayesha Banu W/o Mr. Siraj Ahmed R/o. # 7 B Street Haines Road, Cleveland Town Post Frazer Town Bangalore-560005.

e) Mr. A Ajmal S/o Ammath R/o 7, 11th Cross ground Floor, Ayyappa Temple Road Arvind Nagar Bangalore-560084.

Whereas the above said credit facility was availed by you as borrower after creation of security interest in the above referred properties (secured Assets) in favour of the Bank,

Whereas, borrower has failed to maintain the credit facility as per terms and conditions of the above referred sanction letter/s and other terms and conditions laid down in the documents executed by borrower in favour of the Bank, consequently borrower loan account No. 0746265500000012 has been classified by the Bank as Non-Performing Asset on 30.10.2021 in accordance with the directives and guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India. The details of loan account are as under:

S. No.	Facility	Sanctioned Limit	Limit Availed	Date of NPA	Amount of NPA	Unapplied Interest upto 31.03.2022	Total outstanding as on 31.03.2022
1	Housing Loan Facility	Rs.33.00 Lakhs	Rs.33.00 Lakhs	30.10. 2021	Rs. 28,76,945.00	Rs. 1,64,343.86	Rs. 30,41,288.86

In addition to amount outstanding as on 31.03.2022, Bank, as secured creditor, reserves the right to claim amount which may become due on account of crystallization of BG's and/or devolvement of L C's (if any)

Total outstanding as on 31.03.2022 is Rs.30, 41,288.86/-

Whereas the above said amount is due and payable from you as borrower in the books of accounts of the Bank.

Now since borrower has failed and neglected to make payment of dues in respect of the said Loan duly secured by the securities mentioned hereinabove, and classification of borrowers account as a Non-Performing Asset, I above named as Authorized Officer in exercise of the powers vested in me under the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 and rules made there under hereby give borrower notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of Securities and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon borrower to pay in full and discharge borrower liabilities aggregating to **Rs.30,41,288.86/- (Rupees Thirty Lacs Forty One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Eight Rupees and Eighty Six Paisa only)** as stated herein above, together with interest at contractual rate thereon w. e. f. 01.04.2022 along with other charges and costs to be incurred by the Bank from time to time and thereby discharge in full all borrowers liabilities to the Bank within a period of 60 days from the date of this Notice failing which the Bank shall at borrowers costs and risk exercise its powers under the Act .

We further give borrower notice that in case of failure to pay the above mentioned outstanding amount with interest and costs till the date of payment within the stipulated period of 60 days, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act and;

i) In the event of borrower's failure to pay amount as demanded, Bank is authorized under the Act to take possession, control and or management of the above mentioned secured asset together with the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale, without the intervention of the court.

ii) All expenses incurred in the process shall be debited to borrower account and will be recovered from borrower. Moreover in the event of sale of the secured asset borrower liability is not discharged in full, Bank shall have right to recover the remaining balance from borrower.

iii) This demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which Bank may have including the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to Bank.

iv) Section 13(13) of the Act restrains borrower/mortgagor after the date of this notice from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of the Bank and breach of the said provision is an offence punishable under Section 29 of the Act.

v) This demand notice is recall of the loan amount and demand by the secured creditor of the outstanding amount without prejudice to the rights of the Bank to proceed as against the borrower / company / Directors / mortgagors / guarantors for initiating recovery proceedings under any other legal remedies.

vi) Borrower is also informed that it can redeem the secured asset within the time frame prescribed by section 13(8) of the Act.

Sd/- (Arshad Nazir)
Authorized Officer

RAJAS KELKAR

WHEN share prices are volatile, you may want to focus your attention on businesses that generate profits. You know the usual suspects if you are already investing in the stock market. These companies sell goods and services that people buy despite inflation or salary cuts. But such 'defensive' companies tend to get expensive as everyone rallies around them.

If you are new to investing, you may want to focus on learning instead of getting adventurous. There are plenty of opportunities in the market if you invest your time reading a bit more than you usually do in finance.

Legendary American investor Warren Buffett once famously said that you discover who's been swimming naked only when the tide goes out. The quote refers to the speculation that develops when stock markets rally and when it goes out when prices fall.

There are two types of investors. Long-term investors tend to buy and hold shares for a considerable time. The short-term traders buy and sell quickly to make trading profits. The market comprises people with diverse views on the same company. You need all of them to be active to have a thriving stock market system. When stock markets correct or go into a bear phase (fall more than 20% from their recent peaks), investors turn cautious. They cut their exposure to equity assets. The long-term investors stay put, but the short-term investors cut their losses by reducing their exposure. There are more sellers in the market than buyers.

Stock market investing is more about your guts than analysing data and profit trends. A primary reason is that today's share prices reflect tomorrow's profits. You have to identify winners and losers based on their ability to ride through tough times. To arrive at that decision, you need to know about the financial performance of such businesses. That is an essential requirement. The other 'X' factor is your ability to believe in the future profit growth of these businesses.

A simple way to look at it could be tracking the performance of a company like One97 Communications, which runs Paytm. It trades at less than a third of the value of the peak it touched last year after listing in November 2021. In the offer document released during the IPO, the company wrote that it was unclear when it would generate profits. The company's stock market performance reflects the market perception of the value of the business without the euphoria around the brand. As share prices fell, share prices of companies like that one have been hit harder. Stock market investors do not like uncertainty. Over the past couple of quarters, the company made noises that set a target to turn profitable.

According to the latest transcript, the company is betting on 'lending' to become a more significant percentage of the revenue (and profits). It is also planning to cut down on operating expenses to improve profitability.

After announcing quarterly financial results, company managements speak to analysts on a conference call. The transcript of such a call is published on every company's website. If you wish to read a bit more on companies you think matter; you may want to go through these transcripts.

Paytm shares have lost more than half of their value in 2022. However, they have been doing better than the broader market for a month since the conference call. Some investors see a value in the company and believe it may turn in operating profits by September 2023.

As an investor, you may want to decide whether to treat Paytm as a payment business or a lending business. The euphoria around Paytm is always about small payments we make using the service. However, the company suggests that merely being a payments company is not enough. It needs to lend more money to users too to make more money.

So, can Paytm become 'the' lender to ordinary people using a smartphone is the question you need to ask. That is where your gut comes into play.

(The author is the editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

Two type of investors in markets

When stock markets correct or go into a bear phase (fall more than 20% from their recent peaks), investors turn cautious and cut exposure to equity assets. The long-term investors stay put, but the short-term investors cut their losses by reducing their exposure.

2022

Saw Paytm shares lose over half their value

As an investor, you may want to decide whether to treat Paytm as a payment biz or a lending biz. That's where gut comes into play.

Winners ride through tough times

Stock market investing is more about your guts than analysing data and profit trends. A primary reason is that today's share prices reflect tomorrow's profits. You have to identify winners and losers based on their ability to ride through tough times.

SOURAV ROY

HOW TO LOOK FOR FUTURE PROFITS IN THE STOCK MARKET

MONEY-WISE

ACCUMULATE & BIDE TIME IN YEAR FOR INVESTORS

I remain a firm believer that most financial years serve investors in one of these two ways at the bourses - a year for investors or a year for the invested. To elucidate, the former is characterized by good investment opportunities for investors, while the latter is characterized by good investment returns for the invested. The window to do the former is usually far shorter and offers decidedly limited opportunities.

Now, the natural corollary of this is that if one does not utilize the opportunities in the year for making investments, then one is unlikely to be able to partake of the rewards, as the invested, in the years of good returns. Clearly then, investing is a win-win situation, albeit only for those with a long-term investment perspective and the ability to take calibrated risks.

A question I have oft heard since March this year is whether it is time to salvage one's bleeding Mutual Fund Portfolio, pack up and shift lock, stock and barrel to the eternal favourite in troubled times, the good old Fixed Deposit?

My response has hitherto and for that matter, always in similar scenarios been -- Far from it, there may well be a case for a calibrated ramp-up of investments in equity and hybrid mutual funds, assuming one's anchor debt investments are in place. In the parlance of mutual fund investors, the same translates to Systematic Transfer Plans (STPs) for high net worth investors, and Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs) and SIP Top-Ups for retail investors.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

ASHOK KUMAR

Head of LKW-India. He can be reached at ceolotus@hotmail.com

While prevalent risks like the prolonged Russia-Ukraine conflict, volatile oil prices and US dollar exchange rate, flare-up of corona-virus cases in China and its fallout on the Chinese as well as global economy, the RBI having to eventually raise interest rates and poorer-than-anticipated quarterly earnings by Indian companies, all merit attention and respect, they are certainly not insurmountable.

But to expect them to disappear overnight would be unwise too as unlike the last few times, this time around the risks appear more sticky and seem likely to play out over a longer time frame. In such a scenario, what should the investment strategy of investors be in the equity mutual fund investment space? For starters, stay put with the core component of your investment portfolio, assuming the holdings there were purchased with sound reasoning and it still remains part of your long-term investment strategy based on your financial objectives.

The rejig, if necessary, could be undertaken in the dynamic component of your investment portfolio. Those in the wealth creation stage (younger investors) can be aggressive and accumulate the beaten down but time-tested small-cap and mid-cap funds, while those in the wealth consolidation stage (middle-aged investors) can accumulate large and mid-cap. flexicap and hybrid equity funds.

In the prevalent market scenario, there exists a strong case for building value and contra funds into one's investment portfolio, while for lump sum investors, hybrid funds merit attention. In conclusion, whenever the market takes a vertical drop as one or more of the risk factors play up, remind yourself that you are a long-term investor and use the opportunity to gradually accumulate and top-up the earmarked mutual funds.

Of course, to follow the path suggested above, an investor must believe that the ongoing financial year is one for the Investor and not the Invested.

EXPRESS READ

ONGC becomes India's 2nd most profitable firm

New Delhi: On the back of the best-ever price it earned on crude oil it produces, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) reported a record net profit of ₹40,305 crore in the fiscal year ended March 31, becoming India's second most profitable company behind Reliance Industries. In a statement, ONGC said net profit for the fiscal FY22 soared 258% to ₹40,305.74 crore from ₹11,246.44 crore in the previous financial year.

Govt soon to launch common platform for delivery of schemes

NEW DELHI: To improve the ease of living for the common man, the government is planning to launch 'Jan Samarth' -- a common portal for delivery of various schemes run by different ministries and departments.

As part of the Narendra Modi government's vision of minimum government maximum governance, the new portal plans to initially onboard 15 credit-linked government schemes, sources said.

The offerings will be gradually expanded, depending on compatibility, as some of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes have involvement of multiple agencies, they added.

15

Schemes to be on the portal initially

For example, schemes like Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) are being administered by different ministries.

The proposed portal intends to bring these schemes on a single platform so that they can be accessed by the beneficiaries without much hassle. Pilot testing is being done and loose ends are being tied up before the actual launch takes place, they said, adding State Bank of India (SBI) and other lenders are doing the testing. They said the portal will have open architecture enabling state governments and other institutions to also onboard their schemes on this platform in the future.

To provide comfort to borrowers, the government in 2018 had launched a portal http://psbloansin59minutes.com for various kinds of credit products, including MSME, home, auto and personal loans. The portal facilitates in-principle approval of loans for MSMEs and other borrowers in 59 minutes by various state-owned banks compared to the earlier turnaround time of 20-25 days.

After receiving an in-principle approval letter, the loan is expected to be disbursed in 7-8 working days. The portal processes loan applications without human intervention till the sanction stage. Any MSME borrower does not need to submit any physical document for in-principle approval for a loan. Instead, the portal depends on advanced algorithms to analyse data points from several sources such as Income Tax returns, GST data, bank statements etc.

The platform is integrated with the government's Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) to check borrowers' eligibility.

In the first two months of the launch of the portal, state-owned banks had given in-principle approval to 1.12 lakh loan applications of micro, small and medium enterprises, totalling ₹37,412 crore. *PTI*

Offerings will expand gradually

The offerings will be gradually expanded, depending on compatibility, as some of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes have involvement of multiple agencies, sources said.

'Lack of protocols add to health inflation'

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

Lack of standard clinical protocols in India are adding to medical inflation in recent times, and hence pricing of health insurance products, says Bhabatosh Mishra, director underwriting, products & claims at NIVA BUPA Health Insurance.

He pointed to lack of standard clinical protocols as a big reason for high medical inflation in India.

He cites examples of introduction of a few drugs – very high doses of antibiotics, etc -- for treatment of diseases, which have not been proved based on evidence that they cure the disease more effectively than a lower dose of the same drug.

"When you do not have standard protocols, any clinician is driven by the practice of their experience. But experience is not necessarily evidence-based," he says.

He cites another example of robotics surgeries. "If you do a non-cancerous fibroid removal of the uterus by a robot versus laparoscopic surgery, the robot does not offer any additional clinical advantage but they cost three times more," says Bhabatosh Mishra of Niva Bupa Health Insurance.

When you don't have standard protocols, any clinician is driven by the practice of their experience. Experience is not necessarily evidence-based

B Mishra, Director - Claims, Product, Underwriting, Niva Bupa

In countries like the UK, there are independent bodies which evaluate every new test, every new procedure, etc from a health economic perspective.

"In India we do not have that. Here, if we get an entirely new machine, we do not know if it is better than the current equipment we are using or is as good as the existing one," he says.

Mishra also points to a new practice of hospitals adding new line items in hospital bills.

"I have certain bills from some hospitals where I have noted that patients who underwent angioplasty for stenting, these hospitals started charging a seperate line item called stent implanting charges. But stenting itself means putting the stent to the coronary artery, then why this additional charge," he asks.

He says such innovative practices by hospitals lead to higher scrutiny of health insurance claims, which he says if not done would become a practice. Mishra also points to a worrying trend of health insurance awareness that was created during the first couple of waves of Covid-19 going back to the pre-covid levels as fear of Covid subsides.

"In terms of awareness what percentage of the fear eventually translated into real awareness about insurance being a financial risk mitigating tool is very small," says Mishra adding that not just demand, but even enquiries about health insurance – google search, visit to health insurance websites – have gone back to pre-covid levels. He sees a similar trend in digital health adoption.

"Digital health adoption went up substantially during the Covid peak, health insurance demand went up substantially during Covid peaks, but once the peaks were gone, the level of demand has also gone down," Mishra pointed out.

However, he refuses to attribute this fall to either stricter underwriting norms or higher pricing of products. He says underwriting became more relaxed during Covid.

Health insurance companies shifted their pre-policy health check-ups to simple tele underwriting as it was simply not possible then to ask policyholders to go to hospitals and get their check-ups done physically.

MARKET OUTLOOK

Market bounce to continue if 16500 is broken

RAM SAHGAL @ Mumbai

AFTER being heavily oversold, markets bounced back last week, with Nifty managing to post a strong close above 16300. The next target on the upside is 16500, which if broken conclusively, could result in markets heading toward 16800-17000. For Sensex, that roughly translates to 56300.

On the other end, strong support is visible at 16000. The range for the week is 16000-16500 with bias for the positive side. PMI for China and March quarter GDP back home will be some of the crucial data points for further cues.

"The index continues to remain in oversold zones in short term which indicates a mild reversal from here is possible," said Yesha Shah, research head, Samco Securities. "Traders should maintain a bullish bias with a hard stop loss below 15,700 levels. A convincing break above 16,400 can result in a retest of the 16,800-16,900 levels on the upside."

To be sure, analysts' optimism is borne out by fear gauge India Vix falling to 21.48 last week from 23.10 in the preceding week. A fall in the Vix signals reduced uncertainty.

The headwind for the market remains FII selling. So far this calendar year FIIs have sold a staggering ₹1.66 lakh crore of Indian shares, the highest in any calendar year so far as rising interest rates in the West force them to pull out of emerging markets. However, analysts expect global stability to result in Indian markets being able to absorb the FII selling.

"Relatively high valuations in India, rising bond yields in the US, an appreciating dollar and concerns regarding the possibility of a recession in the US triggered by aggressive tightening are factors behind FPI pullout," said VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services.

Low-cost Index based tax-saving funds soon

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

EQUITY-linked Saving Schemes (ELSS) have been a very popular tax saving instrument, and now the capital market regulator paves the way for cheaper versions of these funds by allowing mutual fund houses to launch passively managed ELSS.

In a circular issued earlier this week, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said, mutual funds can launch passive ELSS schemes based on one of the indices comprising equity shares from top 250 companies in terms of market capitalization. This means the ELSS scheme could be based on a wide variety of indices – Nifty 50, BSE Sensex, Nifty 100, Nifty 200, Nifty Large Midcap 250 indices. This will allow fund houses to offer a wide variety of choices and offer the investors exposure to large and midcap stocks.

The fund could be launched under 'Other Schemes' category as per the rules of Categorization and Rationalization of Mutual Fund Schemes.

However, mutual funds could either offer an actively managed ELSS or a passively managed ELSS.

A passively managed fund is one in which the fund tries to replicate the composition of a particular stock exchange doing away with the need to have a fund manager who actively manages the fund. This saves the cost of active management and makes the fund cheaper for the investors.

This condition that a fund house could either offer an actively managed or a passively managed fund could delay the launch of passively-managed tax saving funds as most existing fund houses already have an actively-managed ELSS.

According to Crisil Ltd, 36 out of 41 fund houses already have actively managed ELSS. The category had around ₹1.5 lakh crore assets as of April 2022.

India held by Malaysia, inch closer to final

JAKARTA: India almost clinched the title round berth before Razie Rahim turned out to be Malaysia's saviour with a hat-trick in an enthralling 3-3 draw in a 'Super 4' encounter of Asia Cup hockey meet. Rahim (12th, 21st, 56th minutes) converted three penalty corners for Malaysia, while India made a valiant fightback after being two goals down, scoring through Vishnukant Singh (32nd), SV Sunil (53rd) and Nilam Sanjeep Xess (55th).

GUJARAT CATCH '22

Pandya leads from the front to help team clinch IPL title in maiden appearance

GOMESH S @ Chennai

HOW good is his tactical nous? Is he fully fit? Can he bowl four overs regularly? Will this be the platform for his India comeback? Such were the questions around Gujarat Titans captain Hardik Pandya at the start of the IPL season. The concerns over his fitness only grew as he missed a game after the Titans' first four matches due to stiffness, with Rashid Khan stepping in for him.

But Hardik did not let any of it affect him. It's been a dominating ride for the Titans since as the all-rounder shattered all the questions that were posed over his performance and fitness, leading his side to the title in their first-ever season. How about this for trivia? Gujarat's first game at their home ground— Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad — was the final of the fifteenth edition of the IPL. And on an evening where over 1 lakh assembled in the arena for the final against Rajasthan Royals, it was Pandya who ensured a fairytale finish for his side. It couldn't get any better.

On Sunday, as the extravaganza of Ranveer Singh followed by an electric performance of AR Rahman ensured an entertaining closing ceremony, it did not take long for cricket to take centre stage. Both teams got what they wanted at the toss and right from ball one, Mohammed Shami kept the Royals opening duo in check. Yashasvi Jaiswal (22 off 16) went rogue, trying to buy some time for Jos Buttler to settle in, and so did Sanju Samson. While the most anticipated battle of the match, the experienced Rajasthan duo versus Rashid Khan provided for some enthralling contest, after eight overs (59/1) both teams hadn't seized the initiative. But something was brewing.

Hardik brought himself on to tackle his counterpart Samson. But the Titans' skipper had stuck to his strengths, angling one into Samson, who miscued it and took the long walk back after an 11-ball 14.

His tight over against Devdutt Padikkal meant that the southpaw tried to take out Rashid and perished. Rajasthan were 79/3 after 12, with Buttler batting at 39 off 35. But all signs up until then indicated that it was going to be Hardik's day. A tentative poke from the Englishman outside off-stump that moved a tiny bit away meant that the contest was all but over for Rajasthan.

Hardik would dismiss Shimron Hetmyer too, finishing with 3/17 in his four overs. Rajasthan scrapped their way to 130/9, but it was all-out domination from Gujarat and their skipper Hardik on the day that mattered the most.

In reply, Rajasthan started off well with the ball, getting rid off Matthew Wade and Wriddhiman Saha. Hardik built a partnership with Shubman Gill before getting out to Yuzvendra Chahal for a 34-ball 30. However, David Miller and Gill held their nerve and took Titans across the line. **Brief scores:** Rajasthan Royals 130/9 in 20 ovs (Buttler 39, Jaiswal 22; Hardik 3/17) **lost to** Gujarat Titans 133/3 in 18.1 ovs (Gill 45 n.o, Hardik 34, Miller 32 n.o).

EXPRESS READ

TN boxer Sabari captures WBC's Australasia title

SYDNEY: India pro boxer Sabari Jaishankar shocked Australian champion Michael Pengue to lift the World Boxing Council's Australasia title in the welterweight division in Sydney on Saturday. Sabari, who hails from Tamil Nadu, was on song right from the first bell and was clearly ahead of Pengue. By the eighth round, the Australian was exhausted and was knocked out by Sabari.

F1: Perez wins rain-hit Monaco Grand Prix

MONACO: Sergio Perez won a rain-disrupted Monaco Grand Prix on Sunday as pole-sitter Charles Leclerc suffered another dose of ill luck on his home circuit. Perez, the first Mexican to win at the iconic circuit, claimed his third career win ahead of Carlos Sainz for Ferrari. Perez's Red Bull teammate Max Verstappen took third to extend his lead in the world championship over Leclerc.

Jehan secures maiden podium in Monaco

MONACO: India's Jehan Daruvala took his fourth podium of the Formula 2 season with a second-placed finish at the iconic Monaco street track. The 23-year-old chalked up the landmark result, his 11th Formula 2 podium, in Saturday's sprint race. The Prema Racing driver had lined up third on the grid. Jehan, a three-time winner in Formula 2, stays third in the overall drivers' standings.

Ramesh, Sugar win at Indian Open of Surfing

MANGALURU: Ramesh Budhial of Karnataka's beat Tamil Nadu's Ajeesh Ali to be crowned as the national champion in the men's open surf category of the third edition of the Indian Open of Surfing here on Sunday. Sugar Banarse and Sofiya Sharma were crowned the national champions in the women's open and groms' girls (U-16) categories respectively.

Rudrankksh seventh at Baku Shooting WC

NEW DELHI: India's Rudrankksh Balasaheb Patil finished seventh in the men's 10m air rifle competition at the ISSF Combined World Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan, on Sunday. The 18-year-old had made the top eight stage on Saturday, finishing fourth in qualification. Serbia's Lazar Kovacevic won gold, Croatian Miran Maricic silver and Kazakh Islam Usseinov won bronze.

Real Madrid's Brazilian defender Marcelo kisses the trophy after their 1-0 victory over Liverpool in the final at the Stade de France, Paris | AFP

CL delight for Real

AFP @ Paris

VINICIUS Junior scored the only goal of the game as Real Madrid beat Liverpool 1-0 in Saturday's Champions League final in Paris to become kings of Europe for a record-extending 14th time after a night marred by problems outside the ground that led to the kick-off being delayed by over half an hour.

Brazilian winger Vinicius turned in Fede Valverde's enticing low cross in the 59th minute at the Stade de France and Liverpool could not find an equaliser as Jurgen Klopp's side lost to the Spanish giants in a Champions League final for the second time in five seasons.

The Anfield side will wonder what might have been had the outstanding Thibaut Courtois not pushed Sadio Mane's shot onto the inside of a post when they were on top in the first half, as they fell short of a trophy treble.

Real's Carlo Ancelotti becomes the first coach to win European club football's greatest prize for a fourth time.

Novak eases into quarters

AFP @ Paris

WORLD NO 1 and defending champion Novak Djokovic reached a 16th French Open quarterfinal on Sunday. Djokovic, bidding to equal Nadal's record of 21 Grand Slam titles, eased to a 6-1, 6-3, 6-3 last-16 victory against 15th seed Diego Schwartzman of Argentina. "I have a lot of respect for him (Schwartzman). He's a good person off the court," said Djokovic who has now beaten Schwartzman seven times in seven meetings.

Djokovic is yet to drop a set at Roland Garros after cruising through the first week. In an interesting twist, Auger-Aliassime has Nadal's uncle and former long-time coach Toni working with him. Toni coached his nephew for the best part of three decades during which time Nadal won 16 of his record 21 Slam titles.

When asked if he will divulge to Auger-Aliassime the secret of how to become just the third man to defeat Nadal at Roland Garros, the 61-year-old coach was unequivocal. "Of course not. I told Felix that my ethics do not allow me to give him advice on beating my nephew. It's as if I were telling someone how to defeat my own son," said Toni ahead of his first meeting with Rafael since their split.

RESULTS (RD 4)

Men: Novak Djokovic (SRB x1) bt Diego Schwartzman (ARG x15) 6-1, 6-3, 6-3.

Women: Martina Trevisan (ITA) bt Aliaksandra Sasnovich 7-6 (10), 7-5; Leylah Fernandez (CAN x17) bt Amanda Anisimova (USA x27) 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; Coco Gauff (USA x18) bt Elise Mertens (BEL x31) 6-4, 6-0.

MONDAY'S TIES (RD 4)

Holger Rune (DEN) vs Stefanos Tsitsipas (GREx4); Iga Swiatek (POLx1) vs Qinwen Zheng (CHN).

Men's doubles (quarterfinals): Lloyd Glasspool (GBR)/Harri Heliovaara (FIN) vs Rohan Bopanna (IND)/ Matwe Middelkoop (NED).

Para-canoeist Prachi clinches historic WC bronze

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

MANISH Kaurav was on the water when the VL2 women's 200m event started with his wife Prachi Yadav participating in it. Given the magnitude of the event — the 2022 ICF Paracanoe World Cup — at Poznan, Poland, the para-kayaker was bound to be nervous as well as excited at the same time. His event (KL3 Men 200m) was scheduled next but he was glued to the big screen showing the progress of the participants in the ongoing event.

"Once the event got over, I started checking her name and to my amazement, she was there in third place. It was historic as India had never won a medal in World Cup whether it was for able-bodied athletes or para-athletes. The Indian participants had never reached the World Cup finals before this event and here Prachi has bagged bronze," Manish, who hails from Madhya Pradesh like his wife, told this daily from the venue. He along with Manjeet Singh (VL2 200m) reached the finals of their respective events, also making history in the process. Another Indian participant, Jaideep, qualified for the semi-finals of VL3 men's 200m event but could not progress further.

Prachi has a disability below her waist. She reached Poland for the four-day event, which concluded on Sunday to improve her rankings. The historic bronze proved to be icing on the cake. "When I arrived here, the only thing in my mind was to gain a few ranking points but the third-place finish made me more determined to go after my ultimate goal, which is to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympics and win a medal," said Prachi. With the timing of 1:01.71s, she finished behind Susan Seipel of Australia (1:01.54s) and Canada's Brianna Hennessy (1:01.58s), who won gold and silver, respectively.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD. AUCTION NOTICE

This is to inform the public at large, that FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD., has decided to conduct Auction of Gold ornaments belonging to accounts (mentioned below) which have become overdue or which have defaults or margin breach of customers. The Auction would be held at respective Branches specified below on **Thursday 09-06-2022 between 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.** This would continue till the auction process is over.

Anekal 080-27830505 **FEDGL0088**0002151, **0002160, 0002338** **Arakalgud** 08175-220780 **FEDGL0036**0005958, 0005963, 0005966, 0005996, 0006012, 0006014, 0006022, 0006024, 0006026, 0006030, 0006541, 0008092, 0006137, 0006142, 0006213, 0006229, 0006244, 0006253, 0006344 **B H Road** 8162277793 **FEDGL0103**0004593, 0004599, 0004613, 0004639, 0004752, 0004815, 0004887, 0004889, 0004901, 0004904, 0004973, 0004982 **BASAVESHWARA NAGAR** 080 41900282 **FEDGL0011**0007575, 0007679, 0007697, 0008684 **BELGAUM** 0831-4201487 **FEDGL0136**0002181, 0002184, 0002185, 0002193, 0002361, 0002362, 0002363 **BELUR** 08177 222100 **FEDGL0159**0006056, 0006067, 0006070, 0006073, 0006076, 0006092, 0006201, 0006226, 0006228, 0006236, 0006245, 0006293, 0006303, 0007117 **BOMMANAHALLI** 080 41500417 **FEDGL0014**0005479 **BTM LAYOUT** 080-41312231 **FEDGL0003**0004812, 0004161, 0004184, 0004248, 0004577 **BYADGI** 8375229022 **FEDGL0051**0004691, 0004692, 0004706, 0004707, 0004710, 0004711, 0004715, 0004725, 0004728, 0004737, 0004742, 0004745, 0004748, 0004749, 0006861, 0004841, 0004847, 0004923, 0004943, 0005027, 0005029, 0005038, 0005112, 0005119, 0005133 **Caltex Circle** 8162277972 **FEDGL0102**0004836, 0004856, 0004888, 0004921, 0005066, 0005113, 0005116, 0005222 **Car Street Bellary** 8392276005 **FEDGL0092**0001951, 0001984, 0001985, 0002469, 0001898 **CHANNAPATNA** 080 27256046 **FEDGL0176**0011838, 0011859, 0011865, 0011884, 0012863, 0012865, 0015162, 0015215, 0015252, 0015255, 0012206, 0012207, 0012295, 0012387, 0012657 **CHENRAYAPATNA** 08176 252477 **FEDGL0158**0013834, 0013841, 0013842, 0013845, 0013872, 0013885, 0013886, 0013905, 0013917, 0013927, 0016896, 0016986, 0014024, 0014065, 0014183, 0014201, 0014213, 0014237, 0014249, 0014252, 0014255, 0014265, 0014335, 0014420, 0014446, 0014452, 0014465, 0014483, 0014490, 0014493, 0014506, 0014515 **CHIKKAMAGALUR** 08262 228286 **FEDGL0021**0004830, 0004907, 0004913, 0004914, 0004915, 0004921 **DAVANGERE** 0819-2252111 **FEDGL0229**0005978, 0005984, 0005992, 0006000, 0006001, 0006451, 0006465, 0007359, 0006137, 0006167, 0006256, 0006305 **dharwad** 0836-2970229 **FEDGL0233**0003696, 0003697, 0003705, 0003706, 0003718, 0003719, 0003726, 0004011, 0003797, 0003805, 0003808, 0003817, 0003839, 0003840, 0003862, 0003887, 0003899, 0003905, 0003922 **Gangavathi** 8533234018 **FEDGL0094**0002956 **Gubbi** 8131222850 **FEDGL0046**0005534, 0005535, 0005549, 0005558, 0005563, 0005587, 0005589, 0005590, 0005700, 0005716, 0005773, 0005820, 0005829, 0005839, 0005890, 0005905 **Gundalpete** 8229295128 **FEDGL0383**0000389 , 0000419, 0000427, 0000492, 0000502 **H D Kote** 08228-297033 **FEDGL0058**0004963, 0004982, 0004994, 0005409, 0005046, 0005104, 0005141, 0005183 **Hagaribommanhalli** 08397-239003 **FEDGL0100**0003788, 0003804, 0003827, 0003828, 0004330, 0004334, 0003910, 0004041, 0004222 **HANSUR** 08222 250114 **FEDGL0162**0011209, 0011216, 0011224, 0011232, 0011286, 0011297, 0011298, 0011309, 0012006, 0012097, 0012098, 0013579, 0013587, 0011451, 0011615, 0011642, 0011645, 0011781, 0011790 **Harappanahalli** 8398281429 **FEDGL0104**0003656, 0003665, 0003685, 0003686, 0003700, 0004381, 0004439, 0004467, 0004515, 0003870, 0003983, 0004076, 0004145, 0004157, 0004167 **HARIHAR** 08192-242865 **FEDGL0022**0009218, 0009239, 0009251, 0009764, 0009782, 0009797, 0009820, 0011069, 0011096, 0011127, 0009356, 0009442, 0009507, 0009517, 0009525, 0009629, 0010332 **HASSAN MARKET** 08172 235324 **FEDGL0157**0007273, 0007279, 0007617, 0007645, 0007681, 0007695, 0007345, 0007402, 0007417, 0007432, 0007433, 0007460 **HAVERI** 8375232810 **FEDGL0181**0008363, 0008378, 0007459, 0007466, 0007469, 0007471, 0007472, 0007484, 0007504 **HENNUR** 080-41979377 **FEDGL0015**0003227 **Holenarsipura** 08175-273733 **FEDGL0059**0011291, 0011338, 0011339, 0011347, 0011350, 0011383, 0011389, 0011402, 0011411, 0011419, 0012260, 0012292, 0011566, 0011701, 0011724, 0011758, 0011776, 0011797, 0011895 **HOSA ROAD** 80257444811 **FEDGL0002**0008144, 0008608, 0008617, 0008675, 0009580, 0008256 **Hosadurga** 8105000953 **FEDGL0412**0000881, 0000942, 0000952 **Hospet** 08394-226899 **FEDGL0099**0003447, 0003460, 0003465, 0003824, 0003834, 0004643, 0003578, 0003581, 0003600, 0003602, 0003617, 0003649, 0003695, 0003705 **JEEVAN BHEEMA NAGAR** 080 41900283 **FEDGL0019**0002313, 0002314 **K R NAGAR** 08223 262045 **FEDGL0161**0007244, 0007247, 0007253, 0007259, 0007277, 0007293, 0007668, 0007681, 0007726, 0007728, 0007328, 0007422, 0007425, 0007431, 0007436, 0007443, 0007447, 0007510, 0007531, 0007546, 0007549, 0007566 **K R Pete** 08230-262886 **FEDGL0063**0003961, 0003969, 0004235, 0005099, 0004014, 0004025, 0004051, 0004053, 0004076, 0004079, 0004086 **K R PURAM** 080 25610669 **FEDGL0012**0009173, 0010505, 0010511, 0009350, 0009366, 0009413, 0009747 **K R ROAD** 08192272223 **FEDGL0037**0003188, 0003199 **KAMMANAHALLI** 080 40926572 **FEDGL0005**0003246, 0003260 **Kampli** 08394-250822 **FEDGL0095**0003534, 0003555, 0003557, 0003567, 0003571, 0003612, 0003613, 0003628, 0003724, 0003739, 0003774, 0003822, 0003841, 0003851, 0003860 **Kappogal Road Bellary** 08392-255005 **FEDGL0093**0001649, 0001650, 0001671, 0001857, 0001862, 0001884, 0002425, 0001709, 0001717, 0001718, 0001731, 0001734, 0001738, 0001745, 0001763, 0001770, 0001773, 0001792, 0001882 **KOPIKAR ROAD** 8362362444 **FEDGL0155**0005092, 0005093, 0005100, 0004752, 0004805, 0004837, 0004857 **Koppal** 08539233390 **FEDGL0403**0000029 **KUnigal** 08162-220155 **FEDGL0121**0003720, 0003764, 0003770, 0003772, 0003379, 0003563 **Madhugiri** 08137208547 **FEDGL0393**0000062, **Malavalli** 8231244588 **FEDGL0365**0001143, 0001163, 0002147, 0002148 **Malebennur** 08192-299566 **FEDGL0062**0005854, 0005881, 0005898, 0005910, 0005917, 0005932, 0006598, 0006623, 0006624, 0007894, 0007946, 0006064, 0006072, 0006384 **MANDIMOHALLA** 8214264270 **FEDGL0174**0005731, 0005808, 0005820, 0005830 **MANDYA** 08232 239585 **FEDGL0163**0005738, 0005739, 0005889, 0005781, 0005793, 0005795 **Mundargi** 08371-295011 **FEDGL0064**0003305, 0003316, 0003402, 0003447, 0003485, 0003561 **Nagarbhavi** 8023356022 **FEDGL0031**0002919, 0003820, 0003064 **NANJANGODE** 08221 223326 **FEDGL0160**0008467, 0008914, 0008918, 0008928, 0008939, 0008963, 0008987, 0008571, 0008681, 0008693 **Pavagada** 8136295608 **FEDGL0377**0000974, 0000984, 0001623, 0001055, 0001217, 0001235, 0001294, 0001361, 0001388, 0001411 **Periapatna** 08223-297589 **FEDGL0044**0003872 , 0003875, 0003893, 0003903, 0003904, 0004087, 0004088 **RAJAJI NAGAR** 080 41902910 **FEDGL0004**0002781, 0002791, 0002669, 0002682, 0002705, 0002719, 0002721 **Ramamurthy Nagar** 8041225616 **FEDGL0035**0001070, 0001078, 0001485, 0001118 **RAMANAGARA** 080 27275627 **FEDGL0180**0013296 , 0013309, 0013329, 0013331, 0013343, 0013345, 0013367, 0013372, 0013377, 0013381, 0014304, 0014359, 0016600, 0016686, 0013460, 0013544, 0013565, 0013576, 0013629, 0013646, 0013735, 0013753, 0013756, 0013784, 0013786, 0013798, 0013842, 0013908, 0013933, 0013942, 0013989, 0013995, 0014025, 0014671, 0014675, 0014702, 0014728, 0015878 **RAMASWAMY CIRCLE** 8214253754 **FEDGL0173**0005763, 0005777, 0005791, 0005118 **RANEBENNUR** 08373 - 297397 **FEDGL0232**0005987, 0005992, 0006002, 0006020, 0006024, 0006035, 0006036, 0006456, 0007660, 0006088, 0006164, 0006184, 0006225, 0006228, 0006229, 0006230, 0006235, 0006239, 0006267, 0006284, 0006306, 0006314 **SHIMOGA** 081 23115765 **FEDGL0183**0007238, 0007578, 0007475 **Sindhanur** 8880890891 **FEDGL0461**0000419 **Sira** 8135295620 **FEDGL0376**0000845, 0000849, 0000863, 0000869, 0001326, 0000998, 0001023, 0001070, 0001084, 0001117, 0001154, 0001192 **SIRSI** 08384-223365 **FEDGL0193**0004705, 0004708, 0004710, 0004719, 0004723, 0004804, 0004811, 0004818, 0004819, 0004820, 0004836 **Srinivasa Nagar** 080-26693369 **FEDGL0089**0001619 **SULTHANPLYA** 080 41636281 **FEDGL0013**0003554, 0004022 **Tiptur** 8134252402 **FEDGL0047**0005095 , 0005126, 0006527, 0006572, 0006573, 0006586, 0005321, 0005347 **Turuvekere** 8139295735 **FEDGL0386**0000696 **Yeshwantpur** 8041225684 **FEDGL0034**0002275, 0002195

Change in Venue or Date, if any will be displayed on our Website www.fedfina.com. All bidders participating will be intimated subsequently with respect to acceptance or rejection of bids submitted by them. Customer who want to release their ornaments shall visit at the base branch wherein the ornaments were pledged by the customer or contact at the number mentioned above on/or before 08-05-2022 subject to the terms and condition applicable.

Auction will be conducted at respective branches, in case the auction does not get completed on the given date due to any reasons, the auction in respect thereto shall be conducted on subsequent working days at district level branch after displaying the details on our Website. No further communication shall be issued in this regard.

Dated : 30-05-2022
Place : Karnataka

For, sdl- Authorised Signatory
Fedbank Financial Services Ltd.,

Every Friday with THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS
INDULGE
Your Guide to Spicy Living

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to General Public that **SRI.S. GANGADHARAIAH** availed Loan from Canara Bank, SME Whitefield Branch, Bangalore-560 066, by depositing Original Title deeds in the Bank with respect of **Site No.5**, BBMP Khatha No.797, Old Khatha No.711/358/5/44, Khatha No.358, Property No.44, situated at Immadihalli, Hagaduru Dhakale, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, presently under the limits of BBMP, which is morefully described in the schedule hereunder. It is informed that Original Sale deed dated 27.05.2004, registered as document No.KRI-1-05055-2004-05, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, K.R.Puram, Original Sale deed dated 15.03.2006, registered as document No.KRI-1-23246-2005-06, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, K.R.Puram and Original Sale deed dated 24.03.2011, registered as document No.MDP-1-06700-2010-11, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Mahadevapura lost and not traceable in the above mentioned Branch. Smt.Vidhya Satish Kotian, Senior Branch Manager of above mentioned Branch filed complaint in the Whitefield Police Station, Bangalore regarding loss of above mentioned Original Sale deeds, **dated 25.04.2022**, vide Lost Report **G.S.C.No. P00258220600401.** Hence, it is hereby notified that, in the event of any person or persons claiming any right, title or interest on the schedule property, may lodge their claim with documentary proof, with Smt.Vidhya Sathish Kotian / Advocate **within 15 days** from the date of this publication.

Persons finding the above Original Sale deeds may kindly return the same to undersigned and if anyone has objections in this regard may contact to undersigned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential Site No.5, BBMP Khatha No.797, Old Khatha No.711/358/5/44, Khatha No.358, Property No.44, situated at Immadihalli, Hagaduru Dhakale, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, presently comes under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 39 feet, totally measuring 1560 Sq.ft and bounded as follows, East by:15 feet Road, West by: Site Nos.1 and 2, North by: 20 feet Road, South by: Site No.4.

T. SIDDARAJAPPA, Advocate
No.1252/1, 12th Cross, Opp.S.B.I.Bank,
M.C.Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560 040.
Mob: 9845453825

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client **Mr. H. K. Navin S/o. Mr. H.S Krishnamurthy,** (E-Mail:-navina30@yahoo.co.in) Aged about 48 years, Residing at No. 239, 4th Main Road, T. Thimmaiah Road, BSK 2nd Stage, Padmanabhanagar Bangalore 560070 Now residing at, 328, 5th Main, BHCS Layout, Bangalore 560061, had lost the **"Registered Sale Deed No. 14178/2002-03, Book-1, Vol. No. 770 page No. 28 to 30 dated 21.05.2003 in the office of Registrar Addl. Dist Registrar Bangalore Urban Dist.** in respect of **Site No. 615** Banashankari 6th Stage, 9th Block, Bangalore Development Authority Layout measuring East to West 12 meters and North to South 9 meters, Totally Measuring 108 Square meters bounded by: **East By** : Site No. 630, **West By**: Road, **North BY** : Site No. 616, **South By** : 616, for which he lodged a police complaint for lose of original documents before the Crime Branch Bengaluru City Police dated **07/05/2022 as per serial No. 217504 Last Report No. 0217504/2022** from which day he was not found the document, hence this paper publication.

Notice is hereby given to all concerned calling that if anyone found/notice above said original documents in public please inform my client or to me immediately. It is hereby inform that other than my client if any third person made any transaction over the above said property my client is not held responsible and same is not binding on my client.

Note:-If anybody having their objection to this regard, intimate the same to the below said address within 10 days by this day.

S.D. LAW ASSOCIATES
Advocate and Consultants
No.87, Opp. 43A BMTC Bus Stop,
Vivekananda Nagar, Kathriguppe Main
Road, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore 560085.
(M) 9845930803

KMML The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.
(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking)
(An ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001 & SA 8000 Certified Company)
Sankaramangalam, Chavara - 691 583 Kollam, Kerala, India,
Phone: +91-476-2651215 to 2651217. Fax : +91-0476-2680101.
Email: contact@kmml.com , URL:www.kmml.com

SHORT E-TENDER NOTICE

Competitive Tenders are invited for following. For more details please visit the E-Tendering Portal : **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in** or **www.kmml.com**

No	Tender Id	Name of the Work
1	2022_KMML_492055_1	For the supply of Plate Inconnel Pipe
2	2022_KMML_491041_1	For the supply of Hot Dip Galvanized mild steel Ladder type Cable Trays
3	2022_KMML_491957_1	For the supply of Brick Acid Resistant for Digester

Chavara 27.05.2022 sd/-DGM(Mtls) For The Kerala Minerals And Metals Ltd

No	Tender Id	Name of the Work
4	2022_KMML_492196_1	AMC for Concrete Structural Rehabilitation works of various Buildings in Plant Area - 2022-23

Chavara 27.05.2022 sd/-HOU(T) For The Kerala Minerals And Metals Ltd

Our Products: Titanium Dioxide, Titanium Tetra Chloride, Nano Titanium, Titanium Sponge, Rutile, Zircon & Sillimanite

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the **Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.)** has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby **given**, once again, to the Borrower(s) to pay within **60 days** from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered **towards** repayment of loan amount are as under:

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
Mr. Bhogappa Nayak, Sri Chiranjeevi Agency, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi (Prospect No IL10173569)	26 - May - 2022 & Rs.37,81,042/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Eighty One Thousand Forty Two Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being : D-202, Floor No. 2, admeasuring 58.66 sq. mtrs. of carpet area and 90.57 sq. mtrs of super builtup area and proportionate 28.19 sq. mtr of undivided share with one covered parking space, Wing D Block 1, Sipani Royale Heritage Phase-I, Syno.78/2, 78/3 of Iggaluru Village Attibele Hobli sy nos. 308, 309/2, 311/1 Siteno.7 Of Marasur Village Kasaba Hobli Anekal taluk, Bangalore urban dist, Banglore, Karnataka.

If the said Borrowers fail to make payment to IIFL HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers. For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office: "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025** / or **Corporate Office: IIFL Tower,** Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place: Bangalore, Date: 30-05-2022 Sdl- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.

AXIS BANK LIMITED
Structured Assets Group (South), Axis House, 1st Floor, No.3, Club House Road, Anna Salai, Chennai-600002

POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Properties)

The Authorised Officer of the **Axis Bank Ltd., Structured Assets Group, 1st Floor, Javahar Towers, New No.3, Old No.2, Clubhouse Road, Anna Salai, Chennai-600002** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **Demand Notice on 14.01.2022** calling upon the Borrower/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors which was served upon them, calling upon the Borrower/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors: **1) M/s. Dhammanagi Developerss Pvt. Ltd.,** No.137, Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560020. **Also at:** "Trade Centre", 6th Floor, #29/4, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560001. **2) Mr. Babu Adiveppa Dhammanagi, S/o. Mr. A.V. Dhammanagi,** Director, 725/13, Annapurna Kripa, Basav Nagar, Muragod Road, Bailhongal (Rural), Belgaum, Bailhongal-591102, Karnataka. **Also at:** 10/3, Flat No.106, Montreal Manor, Shopping Street, Kumara Park, Bengaluru-560020. **3) Mrs. Mangala Dhammanagi, D/o. Mr. Sannayerappa Iswi,** Director, 725/13, Annapurna Kripa, Basav Nagar, Muragod Road, Bailhongal (Rural), Belgaum, Bailhongal-591102, Karnataka. **Also at:** 10/3, Flat No.106, Montreal Manor, Shopping Street, Kumara Park, Bengaluru-560020. **4) Mr. Harshababu Dhammanagi, S/o. Mr. Babu Adiveppa Dhammanagi,** Director, 725/13, Basav Nagar, Muragod Road, Bailhongal (Rural), Belgaum, Bailhongal-591102, Karnataka. **5) Mr. Ravishankar C Sarnaik, S/o. Mr. Chudamani S Sarnaik,** No.217, Sterling Orchards, Flat No.101, 5th Cross, CV Raman Road, RMV 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560080. **6) M/s. Dhammanagi Property Developers,** No.137, Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park West, Behind BDA Office, Bengaluru-560020, to repay the amount of **Rs.6,32,22,536.00 ps. (Rupees Six Crores Thirty Two Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Six Only)** being the amount due as on **30.11.2021** (Interest applied only upto **30.11.2021**) together with future interest, thereon at the contractual rate of interest from **01.12.2021,** costs and other consequences, damages etc., including the expenses for the said takeover and sale of assets within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/ guarantors/ mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantors/ mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on **24/05/2022.**

The borrower/ guarantors/ mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Axis Bank Ltd.** of **Rs.6,72,25,654.00 ps. (Rupees Six Crores Seventy Two Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Four Only)** being the amount due as on **30.04.2022** (Interest applied only upto **30.04.2022**) together with future interest, thereon at the contractual rate of interest from **01.05.2022,** costs and other consequences, damages etc., including the expenses for the said takeover and sale of assets thereon.

The Borrower/ Mortgagors' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets/ Mortgaged Property.

IMMOVABLE ASSETS - DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Property in the name of Mr. Ravishankar C Sarnaik: All that piece and parcel of the Residentially converted Immovable Property bearing Site No.1, formed out of Survey No.17/1 of Navarathna Agrahara Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring 8173 Sq.mtrs. and is **bounded on: East by** Road, **West by** Road and Private Property, **North by** Private Property and **South by** Pathway.

Date: 24.05.2022, Place: Bengaluru Sd/- Authorised Officer, AXIS BANK Limited

AXIS BANK LIMITED
Structured Assets Group (South), Axis House, 1st Floor, No.3, Club House Road, Anna Salai, Chennai-600002

POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Properties)

The Authorised Officer of the **Axis Bank Ltd., Structured Assets Group, 1st Floor, Javahar Towers, New No.3, Old No.2, Clubhouse Road, Anna Salai, Chennai-600002** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **Demand Notice on 24.02.2022** calling upon the Borrower/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors which was served upon them,calling upon the Borrower/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors: **1) Mr. L Jayarama, S/o. Sri Lakshminarayanappa,** No.108, Lakshmi Nilaya, 5th Main, 1st Block, 3rd Phase, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085. **Also at:** D.No.7, 9th Main, 2nd Block, Jayanagar East, Bengaluru-560010. **2) Mrs. Lakshmi Jayarama, W/o. Sri L Jayarama,** No.108, Lakshmi Nilaya, 5th Main, 1st Block, 3rd Phase, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085, to repay the amount of **Rs.20,72,29,874,43 ps. (Rupees Twenty Crores Seventy Two Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Four and paise Forty Three Only)** being the amount due as on **31.01.2022** (Interest applied only upto **31.01.2022**) together with future interest, thereon at the contractual rate of interest from **01.02.2022,** costs and other consequences, damages etc., including the expenses for the said takeover and sale of assets within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/ guarantors/ mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantors/ mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on **24/05/2022.**

The borrower/ guarantors/ mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Axis Bank Ltd.** of **Rs.21,13,57,716.43 ps. (Rupees Twenty One Crores Thirteen Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixteen and paise Forty Three Only)** being the amount due as on **30.04.2022** (Interest applied only upto **30.04.2022**) together with future interest, thereon at the contractual rate of interest from **01.05.2022,** costs and other consequences, damages etc., including the expenses for the said takeover and sale of assets thereon.

The Borrower/ Mortgagors' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets/ Mortgaged Property.

IMMOVABLE ASSETS - DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Schedule-A: (Description of the Property in the name of Mr. L Jayarama on which commercial complex is being constructed): All that piece and parcel of the land with structure standing there on and bearing Muncipal No.3 (Old No.2) infantry Road Division No.72, ward No.78, Bengaluru measuring on the Eastern side-350 Feet, on Western Side 382 Feet, on the Northern side 196 Feet 0.6 inches and the Southern side 135 Feet total 60664.5 Sft and **bounded on North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Infantry Road, **East by:** Property of Institute of Engineers and **West by:** Property of Raja of Ramanand.

Schedule-B (Description of undivided share of Land hereby agreed to be conveyed): 598.75Sft of each unit x16 units and another 2 units measuring 331.18 sq.feet each in total 10242.36 sq.ft, in total 10242.36 sq.ft of undivided share , rights, title and interest in schedule "A: Property , which is the corresponding undivided share in respect of C schedule Units.

Schedule-C: All that piece and parcel of units bearing Nos.201, 202, 203, 204. 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 217 & 218 each unit 1600 Sft., super built up Area of 885 which makes 1770 sqft (885x2), all together 18 units are having super built up area of 27,370 sqft, situated at 2nd floor (level 4), having BBMP PID Nos 78-1-3/23, 78-01-03/24, 78-1-3/25, 78-1-3/26, 78-1-3/27, 78-1-3/28,78-1-3/29, 78-1-3/30, 78-1-3/31, 78-1-3/32, 78-1-3/33, 78-1-03/34, 78-1-03/35,78-1-03/36, 78-1-03/37, 78-1-03/38, 78-1-03/39 and 78-01-03/40 respectively of commercial complex known as **"EMBASSY ICON"** constructed on the 'A' schedule property having mosaic flooring , Aluminium Glassed window and RCC flooring , Block Masonary and Basement together with all columns areas attributable there to limited access to terrace area i.e Lift Room and water tank for repairs together with 24 covered parking space in the basement floor.

Date: 24.05.2022, Place: Bengaluru Sd/- Authorised Officer, AXIS BANK Limited

All the news.
In just a click.
Log to www.newindianexpress.com
THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS
/thenewindianxpress
@newindianxpress
+The New Indian Express
GET IT ON Google Play
Download on the App Store

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

आज़ादी का अमृत महोत्सव

Better Cities Improved lives

Shivraj Singh Chouhan
Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh

Smt. Malti Mehra, Bankhedi

The blessing of tap water reaches homes

Gone are the days when women had to step out of the house in search of water. Today, they can enjoy tap water in the comfort of their homes. This has immensely benefited the women, and has empowered them. Now the children do not need to spend time hauling water from the handpumps. They can focus on studies and sports. The water from the tap is a blessing, and can be used to drink and cook as well.

A new identity to the women of today

Vandana Bathri, a resident of Multai tehsil of Betul district of Madhya Pradesh, lived in a kutcha house with her husband and two children for the last 20 years. All these years, Vandana and her family lived through the inconvenience of water-seepage during the rainy season. After receiving all the required information about the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) from the local administration, she took advantage of the scheme and built a pucca house. Now, Vandana and her family are enjoying happy days, in the comfort of their PMAY (U) home.

Disease no more: Clean environment is the way to go

"Earlier, we used to get sick quite often because of the open drains near our houses. But now, these drains are clean and we are able to enjoy an odor-free and clean environment", says Zaheeda, a resident of Dharampuri. The sewerage connection has helped the residents of Dharampuri enjoy better health, and now they can even enjoy the open spaces near their houses and their children can play without a threat of falling sick.

D19640/21

Excellent cities in Swachh Survekshan-2021

• Indore • Bhopal • Ujjain • Dewas • Narmadapuram • Barwaha • Pachmarhi Cantt

27 cities bagged star ratings

• Five Star-1 • Three Star-9 • One Star-17 cities

Madhya Pradesh has received 11 awards out of total 20 award categories at the national level under the Smart City Mission

Madhya Pradesh ranks first in the entire country in the implementation of PM SVANidhi Yojana

Madhya Pradesh secured the second position in the country in the implementation of PM Awas Yojana (Urban)

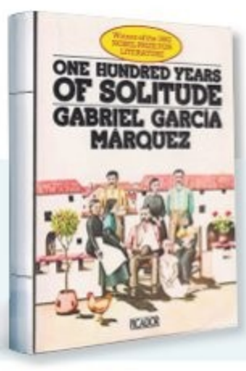
Urban Development and Housing Department, Madhya Pradesh

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS City

Bengaluru Express

READ SHARE FOLLOW
newindianexpress.com
Mail us: bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

30.05.2022
MONDAY



DAY'S DIARY

Book release

Widely acknowledged as author Gabriel García Márquez's finest work, *One Hundred Years of Solitude* was published on this day in 1967

WORLDWIDE SENSATION

Considered the foremost example of his style of magic realism, the book — originally published in Spanish as *Cien Años de Soledad* — was translated into 30 languages

PLOT POINTS

Over the years, the book sold 20 million copies. It was a story about a fictional Colombian town Macondo and the rise and fall of its founders, the Buendía family

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

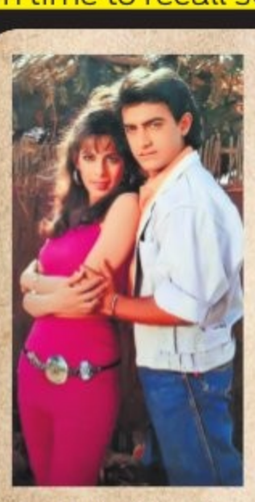
Gabriel García Márquez is known as one of the foremost interpreters of magical realism in literature and won several awards in his lifetime

V Ravichandran reveals poster for new film

PG 8

As Bollywood classic *Jo Jeeta Wohi Sikandar* turns 30 this month, actor and entrepreneur Pooja Bedi, who was in the city recently for a book launch, goes back in time to recall some behind-the-scene moments from the making of the film

30 YEARS LATER



Pooja Bedi and Aamir Khan in *Jo Jeeta Wohi Sikandar*

MONIKA MONALISA

DID you know actor Pooja Bedi became a part of the movie *Jo Jeeta Wohi Sikandar* when almost 70 per cent of the movie was shot?

But we are glad it worked out the way it did, because imagining anyone else recreating the Marylin Monroe moment in a red dress so effortlessly, while Aamir Khan sang *Pehla Nasha* for her, is almost impossible. As the cult classic, starring Deepak Tijori, Mamik Singh, Ayesha Jhulka, turns 30 this month, Bedi recalls how fun her debut movie turned out to be.

Bedi was in her teens when she signed the movie that finally released when she was 21. "My role was played by another heroine before my arrival into the film. Even Ayesh Jhulka's part was played by another actor called Girija. But Mansoor felt that they were not doing justice to the characters he had envisioned for the film. He literally replaced many characters in the film," recalls Bedi, adding that even Deepak Tijori's character was originally played by Milind Soman. "It was a brave step to take those decisions at that time," she says.

> *The beauty of Jo Jeeta Wohi Sikandar is that everybody related to the characters. It was that period in their life when they were in school, and played similar pranks*
>
> — Pooja Bedi, actor & entrepreneur

Most of the movie was filmed in Ooty and the Nilgiris, however, Bedi didn't have a single day's shoot in Ooty. "Most of my scenes were shot in film city, Mumbai. My kissing scene with Aamir was shot in Lonavala or Kandala, in an old-world fort setting. Apart from that, I had 1-2 days shoot in Bengaluru. It was really fun because it was a young and peppy film," laughs the actor.

To this day, the film is still relatable, feels Bedi. "The beauty of *Jo Jeeta Wohi Sikandar* is that everybody related to the characters. It was that period in their life when they were in school, and played similar pranks and had similar rivalries. The hot girl and the new girl next door... The youngsters who watched it then felt the movie was made for them," says Bedi, adding that it was a well-made film which was ahead of its times.

The actor-turned-entrepreneur has always had a special connection with the city, because of her mother Protima Bedi, who set up the dance school, Nrityagram. "Everywhere I go, I meet people who knew her, worked with her, encouraged her, supported, and whose lives she touched in so many ways. Of course, I went to Nrityagram and stayed there as well. For me, it's just home," says an emotional Bedi, who is currently busy setting up her wellness companies — Magicians of Wellness and Merchants of Wellness — both of which are represented by her brand HappySoul, in Goa.

Pooja Bedi

WATCH LIST

Obi-Wan Kenobi (English)

The Jedi Master contends with the consequences of his greatest defeat — the downfall and corruption of his one-time friend and apprentice, Anakin Skywalker, who turned to the dark side as evil Sith Lord Darth Vader.

Cast: Hayden Christensen, Ewan McGregor, Rupert Friend, Joel Edgerton

Streaming on: Disney+ Hotstar

Heropanti 2 (Hindi)

A vigilante is sent on a mission by the government to kill enemy troops. However, things go wrong when he's mistaken for the leader of the troops.

Cast: Tiger Shroff, Tara Sutaria, Kriti Sanon, Nawazuddin Siddiqui

Streaming on: Amazon Prime Video

Stranger Things Season 4 (English)

In 1980s Indiana, a group of young friends witness supernatural forces and secret government exploits. As they search for answers, the children unravel a series of extraordinary mysteries.

Cast: Finn Wolfhard, Millie Bobby Brown, Noah Schnapp, Gaten Matarazzo **Streaming on:** Netflix

Toolsidas Junior (Hindi)

A young boy seeks to master the game on snooker to defend his father's legacy after a humiliating loss. But first, he'll need help from a hardened pro.

Cast: Sanjay Dutt, Varun Buddhadev, Rajiv Kapoor

Streaming on: Netflix

From 'Dunzo' to 'Oreo', more than 170 cats from across the country travelled to Bengaluru with their pet parents for an international cat walk

'Purr'fect day

ISHRATH MUBEEN

TINY paws, whiskers and a room full of cat lovers. Sounds like a morning in paradise? This is what Sunday morning looked like in Bengaluru when The Cat Club of India held its second International Championship Cat Show at The Lalit Ashok. More than 170 cats, kittens and adults of different breeds from different parts of the country participated in the show.

Bengal cats, Persian, Maine Coons, exotic short hair ones were present at the show. The criteria for choosing the winner was simple — presentation, cat's overall health, his/her and temperament, says Sudhakar Katineni, one of the judges of the show. Upon entering, the cats were registered to participate in the show. The Maine Coons and Persian cats had a separate category, unlike all the other breeds that were judged together.

PICS: SHRIRAM BN

According to Katineni, a feline enthusiast and World Cat Federation (WCF) International Cat Judge, this is the first of its kind event where cats and their owners have come together in such large numbers. "It is an initiative not just to bring cat lovers together, but to protect cats from abuse. We incorporate cats with microchips that help save details like date of birth and owner's name. This is a concept in several countries that helps prevent animal abuse," he says.

"No cat is a bad cat," says Pradeep Bangalore, an IT professional and another judge of the show. "The only parameter we look at is how the cats are presented," he says. "Maine Coons develop between six to 12 months, and achieve full maturity only after three years. All of them here are aged under two," he adds.

Having participated in about 10 contests and won seven titles, Sindhu Belliappa, a cat lover from Bengaluru, has 14 cats at her pet-friendly home. "I have a terrace that is breezy and a comfortable space for all my cats. They are fed at regular intervals and bathed every 10 days. The atmosphere at home affects the temperament of the cats. Caged pets tend to be timid and scared when they are let out. Although we cannot control the pet's appearance, human interactions can alter their health and behaviour," she says.

Belliappa owns four Bengal cats, eight short hair ones, and two Persian cats. "Dunzo, the youngest one, is seven months old. And the oldest one is a 10-year-old Persian. All the cats are animal welfare certified. I have had cats for 12 years now and no day is a good day without them," she adds.

GRUB HUB

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called She Knows Grub, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*. The first prize winner this week will win a complimentary voucher for two worth ₹1,000 from Slay Coffee**

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Yogurt 2) Mead, honey 3) Wheat

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Jaikishan N 2) Mayur Bhandari 3) Nagavalli R

***Conditions apply**

INSIDE

Bengalureans swipe right on new app for Kannadigas

P3

XPRESS FOCUS

AN IMPRESSIVE START TO REVA XPRESSIONS

Inauguration of the event by lighting lamp by Gaur Gopla Das, Dr. P Shyamaraju, Chancellor, Dr. M Dhanamjaya, Vice Chancellor and Umesh S Raju, Trustee of REVA University

Premier educational institution, REVA University inaugurated the first session of REVA Xpressions at its campus recently.

REVA University has been advocating a new paradigm of learning from its inception in order to provide a well-rounded education. REVA Xpressions, which features exemplary personalities from various fields and industry, is a promising move in REVA's endeavor to educate students for the world and re-imagine the university experience with the notion that learning is infinite and should not be limited to classrooms.

"What we need most in the current world are outstanding individuals, the brightest minds, and thought leaders who make a difference in the world as a whole." said Dr. P. Shyama Raju, Chancellor, REVA University.

He further added that problems in the world need solutions that span various disciplines. Hence, through REVA Xpressions, we're presenting eminent personalities from different fields who could be leading light for young hopefuls who are yet to explore the possibilities of industry, science, and technology.

The day's keynote guest, Gaur Gopal Das, a renowned monk from Mumbai, global influencer, and motivational speaker, said that each of them must recognise the power of their spirit to make a difference in the world. He stated that learning to seek this power has a significant impact on their lives and the lives of others.

He explained to them on how to decode the genuine purpose of life and gave them suggestions on how to transform their lives into happier and more productive ones. He concluded by indicating that the universe awaits for them to discover it.

Dr. Dhananjaya, Vice Chancellor, REVA University stated, "The enchanted aura that had the audience on the edge of their seats right from the beginning to the finish of Gopal ji's address was a feast for the heart and soul."

The event ended on a note of positivity and willingness, with a promise to bring more well-regarded personalities to the campus like this through REVA Xpressions.

CITY FEST

A three-day festival, Future City Bengaluru is hosting stalls, events, workshops, performances, competitions and live art featuring an interactive augmented reality display that transports a viewer into a cleaner and greener future of the city. Join the event to explore technology, sustainability, innovation, and action using augmented reality.
When: June 3-5
Where: Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeshwanthpur **Details:** 96118 54141

COLOURFUL EVENINGS

'The Galleria' is curating a month-long fest where you can explore the butterfly animatronics of many kinds with each explained in detail. Enjoy larger-than-life structures and the garden ambiance indoors. **When:** Ongoing **Where:** Brookfield Galleria Mall, Yelahanka **Details:** 91364 92500

LAUGH OUT LOUD

Earthlings Comedy Theatre and Rolling Oven Koramangala bring fresh stand-up comedy, where hustling comics test out their newest material they are working on.
When: Till June 28
Where: Rolling Oven, Koramangala **Details:** bookmyshow.com

PICTURE PERFECT

Are you a beginner and aspire to become a professional photographer? This course will give you the perfect idea of all kinds of photography genres like wildlife, portraiture, macro, landscape, sports and action photography. Perfect the art of capturing moments.
When: Till June 30
Details: bookmyshow.com

LOVE IMPERFECTIONS, BUILD ACCEPTANCE, AND PRACTICE FORGIVENESS. COME TO TERMS WITH LIFE WITH THIS ONLINE COURSE ON SELF-LOVE. DETAILS: INSIDER.IN

Musical weekend

Udupa Foundation presents Udupa Music Festival, an iconic music festival drawing artistes from all over the world. The event will host artistes like Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, Pandit Kumar Bose and many more. Groove to their music to make the most of the long weekend.
When: June 2-4
Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall
Details: 080-23445810

Art Exhibition

Varun N Rao brings his 18th art exhibition where more than 25 of his art works like mystifying landscapes, realistic portraits, funny caricatures, still-life paintings, and contemporary art will be displayed. Go for a visual treat. **When:** Ongoing
Where: Shades Creative Gallery, Koramangala
Contact: 9036143948

Sunday Stories

Raise a toast to the good life with a delectable spread of world cuisine as they present modern comfort food with a subtle foxy twist complemented by the in-house brews and wines. Enjoy live music, a melange of speciality western fare, grills and Indian delicacies. **When:** Every Sunday **Where:** Fox in the Field, Forum Shantiniketan, Whitefield

DIY Desserts

In this online workshop, learn how to make the perfect Swiss roll. Get a course completion certificate as you master this gourmet dessert. **When:** June 3
Details: bookmyshow.com

Music Mania

It's time for the much-awaited performance by Supermoon ft. B Praak. Here's your chance to embrace his voice that will take you to the world of magic with live symphony. Go listen to him sing live.
When: June 5 **Details:** insider.in

CAKELICIOUS

Do you love a slice of chocolatey, spongy bread with whipped cream and cherries? Learn how to make mouth-watering black forest cake from the comfort of your home. It's time to treat yourself. **When:** June 1, 4pm **Details:** bookmyshow.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

JACKFRUIT HALWA

INGREDIENTS
- **Jackfruit (seed removed):** 1 cup
- **Water:** 1/4 cup
- **Ghee:** 3 tsp
- **Jaggery:** 5 tsp

– Swapna Thomas, Kottayam

METHOD
- Stir fry the chopped and crushed jackfruit in ghee for a few minutes.
- Add jaggery and mix well.
- Add ghee in small intervals and keep stirring until the mixture thickens.
- Pour the mixture into a plate and allow it to cool for one hour.

FIT BIT

UTTANA PADMA MAYURASANA
(INTENSE STRETCH LOTUS PEACOCK POSE)

It is a supine variation of Padma Mayurasana where the lower back is elevated by the support of both hands while legs remain in the lotus pose. This is an immensely challenging pose. As students have varying abilities, pose variations can be helpful. Spiritually, it is associated with Vishuddhi (Throat) Chakra, which is a center of physical and spiritual purification whereas Manipura (Solar Plexus) Chakra is our sense of personal power and the awareness and enforcement of personal boundaries.

STEPS
- Come into Salamba Sarvangasana I (Shoulder Stand I). Then cross your legs into Urdhva Padmasana (Upward Lotus Pose). While bending at the hips, bring your knees over head.
- Keeping chest wide and shoulders grounded, drop the hips down behind you. Then, slide the hands down the back towards the buttocks for support.
- Now, bring your legs back to vertical, if possible. From here, start to lower the knees to the floor. If you are unable to go all the way down, practise next to a wall, a chair or some other support on which you can drop your knees.
- Hold the pose for 20 to 30 seconds. To come out of the pose, pull the knees back up and over the head, unravel the legs and repeat with the second crossing.
- If you are unable to lift up out of the pose, take the hands off your back, slide to the floor and unravel the legs. Come to Sarvangasana and repeat by crossing the legs on the other side.

BENEFITS
- Improves the functioning of pancreas, liver and kidney.
- Beneficial for the organs of the female reproductive system.
- Regulates the production of insulin and prevents diabetes.
- Enhances blood circulation in the spinal column and tones spinal nerves.
- Modulates the functioning of all internal organs.
- Aids digestion, alleviates constipation and dyspepsia.
- Invigorates the immune system.
- Rejuvenates adrenal glands and spleen.
- Improves the flexibility of shoulders, elbows and wrists.

LIMITATIONS
- Those suffering from slipped disc, having severe pain or injury in back or neck, hernia, sciatica, enlarged thyroid, spleen or liver, cervical problems, heart conditions or frequent headaches, avoid this.
- Menstruating and pregnant women must avoid.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

MY FAVORITE MURDER
True crime fanatics, Karen Kilgariff and Georgia Hardstark, share their favorite true crime stories and also discuss hometown crime stories that they gather from friends and family, just to make it a little more spooky.
- **On** Spotify

EAR HUSTLE
Ear Hustle dives into the realities of life inside prison – from those who are actually living it or have lived it. The podcast shares stories of people who have been involved in the American prison system as well as those reintegrating into society after having served time.
- **On** Spotify

2 BLACK GIRLS, 1 ROSE
Bachelor and Bachelorette superfans Natasha Scott and Justine Kay aren't afraid to call out the sexist and racist blunders of the often-problematic show on their podcast, 2 Black Girls, 1 Rose. The pair's discussions also provide important context for a reality TV universe that encapsulates an intriguing and occasionally toxic aspect of the cultural landscape.
- **On** Apple Podcasts

BEAR BROOK
In 1985, police found four unidentified bodies in barrels in New Hampshire's Bear Brook State Park. NHPR beat reporter Jason Moon tells a thoughtful story that takes listeners across the U.S. in search of a serial killer.
- **On** Apple Podcasts

THE MISSING
This podcast, made with missing persons organisation Locate International and charity Missing People, focuses on stories of the 1% of people who are still missing after a year.
- **On** Podimo

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

RAMACHAARI
Rama, a simpleton, is appointed to be the rich Nandini's bodyguard. However, he falls into trouble when Nandini confesses her love for him and her brothers wreak havoc as a result.
Cast: Ravichandran, Malashri.

MADHAGAJA
The wife of one of two rival dons sends her son away to a safe land in order to protect him from their conflict. However, much to her disappointment, her child returns to the world of violence.
Cast: Sri Murali, Ashika Ranganath, and Chikkanna.

ARJUN
Police officer Arjun has strong moral values and lets criminals off with a warning. But he is in a fix when he learns that his father is paying petty criminals to help him catch big criminals.
Cast: Darshan, Meera Chopra, and Anant Nag.

DIGGAJARU
A rich landlord and his servant bond well irrespective of their status. When the landlord accidentally commits a murder, the servant decides to take the blame on himself.
Cast: Vishnuvardhan and Ambareesh.

CHAKRAVYUHA
Authorities turn a blind eye to the violence that takes place in a college at the behest of a corrupt minister. However, a student, Lohith, decides to take the law into his own hands.
Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Radhita Ram, Arun Vijay, Abhimanyu Singh.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 THE WORKPLACE, REDEFINED BY WOMEN OF COLOUR BY DEEPA PURUSHOTHAMAN
Corporate inclusion visionary Deepa Purushotharman shares how women of colour can advocate for themselves in workplace settings where they are undervalued, discriminated against and overlooked and how companies can foster working cultures that empower everyone.

2 A FLAVOURFUL FIELD GUIDE TO FORAGING BY ALEXIS NIKOLE NELSON
With contagious enthusiasm and a live cooking demo, vegan forager Alexis Nikole Nelson explains the benefits of expanding your palate to include "wild" foods that are delicious, nutritious and planet-friendly – and gives three tips for helping others go from sceptical to confident in their own food adventures.

3 WIKIPEDIA'S ENDURING, NUANCED PERSPECTIVE ON TRUTH BY KATHERINE MAHER
Former CEO of Wikimedia Foundation Katherine Maher delves into the transparent, adaptable and community-building ways the online encyclopaedia brings free and reliable information to the public – while also accounting for bias and difference of opinion.

4 3 WAYS TO MAKE FLYING MORE CLIMATE-FRIENDLY BY RYAH WHALEN
Air travel opens our eyes to the world, but it also comes at a high cost to the environment. Piloting us into a future of green aviation, innovator Ryah Whalen shares three ways to lower the industry's carbon footprint through smarter designs, eco-friendly fuel and new technology.

5 HOW IS YOUR CITY TACKLING THE CLIMATE CRISIS? BY MARVIN REES
Rees notes that while sustainable infrastructure already exists in many parts of the world major investments could make similar innovations more far-reaching and successful. He highlights the pivotal role of city mayors in advocating for a "worldwide network of efficient decarbonised cities" that will bring the world closer to its climate goals.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

THAR (Hindi)
A veteran cop sees the chance to prove himself when murder shakes up a sleepy desert town, sending him into the seedy underbelly of the town as he attempts to uncover a grisly torture plot.
Cast: Anil Kapoor, Harshvardhan Kapoor, Fatima Sana Sheikh, Mukti Mohan
- **Watch on:** Netflix

KAATHUVAKULA RENDU KAADHAL (Tamil)
The film is a love triangle that follows the romance of Rambo with Kanmani and Khatija.
Cast: Nayanthara, Samantha Ruth Prabhu, Vijay Sethupathi
- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

OOMAI SENNAAI (Tamil)
A man who wants to leave his shady life behind gets embroiled in a web of conspiracy where the perpetrators are sinister politicians, corrupt police officers and seedy gangsters.
Cast: Sanam Shetty, Micheal Thangadurai, Jayakumar
- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

VRITHRA (Kannada)
While investigating a seemingly open-and-shut case, inspector Indra Rao uncovers a trail that leads her way beyond the obvious and simple answers. As she follows the evidence, she is posed with a choice that could change her life forever.
Cast: Rashmika Mandanna, Nithya Shri, Prakash Belawadi, Ravi Sitaram
- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

KUTTRAM KUTRAME (Tamil)
When a villager's sister is murdered, a police officer investigates the crime and sets out to catch the person responsible.
Cast: Jai, Harish Uthaman, Smruthi Venkat, Bharathiraja
- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

PAWANKHIND (Marathi)
The film tells the story of the Maratha Warriors at the battle of Pavan Khind in 1660.
Cast: Mrinal Kulkarni, Chinmay Mandlekar, Sameer Dharmadhikari
- **Watch on** Amazon Prime Video

ORU THATHVIKA AVALOKANAM (Malayalam)
The film follows the challenges in the life of a youngster, and events that change his life.
Cast: Joju George, Niranjan, Shammi Tilakan
- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

EMMA (English)
Emma is a self-proclaimed matchmaker who meddles in the love lives of her friends. Her misguided matches and romantic missteps lead her to find love that has been there all along.
Cast: Anna Taylor-Joy, Johnny Flynn, Mia Goth, Callum Turner
- **Watch on:** Netflix

WONDER WOMAN 1984 (English)
Wonder Woman finds herself battling two opponents, Maxwell Lord, a shrewd entrepreneur, and Barbara Minerva, a friend-turned-foe. Meanwhile, she also ends up crossing paths with her love interest.
Cast: Gal Gadot, Chris Pine, Kristen Wiig, Pedro Pascal
- **Watch on:** Netflix

SPENCER (English)
The marriage between Princess Diana and Prince Charles has long since grown cold. Though rumors of affairs and a divorce abound, peace is ordained for the Christmas festivities at the queen's estate. There's eating and drinking, shooting and hunting. Diana knows the game, but this year, things will be profoundly different.
Cast: Kristen Stewart, Jack Farthing, Sally Hawkins, Timothy Spall
- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

BUSINESS PROPOSAL (Korean, series)
In disguise as her friend, Ha-ri shows up on a blind date to scare away her friend's prospective suitor. However, plans go awry when he turns out to be Ha-ri's CEO and he makes a proposal.
Cast: Ahn Hyo-seop, Kim Sejeong, Seol In-ah
- **Watch on:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION
Disney+Hotstar: ₹499 per year
Apple TV: ₹ 99 per month
Prime Video: ₹ 179 per month
Netflix: ₹ 149 per month

ROOT CAUSE

(The author is social media influencer @loftyspectrums and lifestyle coach)

STEPPING into summers with a joyful funky vibe, welcoming changing seasons, soaking in the glory of sun-kissed skin, relishing a tan, enjoying native mango panna or regional drinks, chutneys and marmalade churned out of mother's kitchen... is what many Indian enjoy. We have a plethora of choices that our culture offers, be it in terms of art, food or fashion.

Recently at the Cannes Film Festival, Deepika Padukone wore a saree which got much attention. International icons ideally must catapult Indian motifs, our intricate handicraft and handloom and work of art to centre stage; and she did, flawlessly and successfully.

The idea is to take our heritage forward while fusing it with today's sensibilities to match the lifestyle we lead. Indian textiles have unique designs coming from various tribes and towns and adapted to modern taste. To keep these relevant to current times and transform Indian heritage into modern icons, it is important for brands to incorporate these into their design and push them onto global platforms.

Footwear brand Crocs, Inc. has partnered with lifestyle brand Chumbak to launch the Chumbak X Crocs limited edition shoe collection. For this collection, traditional Ikat prints have been used and juxtaposed with Jibbitz inspired by Indian 'karigari', owls, and popular local motifs. These glocal collaborations are the need of the hour.

According to Sumit Dhingra, vice president and general manager, India & SEA, "Classic clogs are our brand icon that is a canvas for self-expression, allowing you to show your individuality in the most authentic way. In the past, we have partnered with brands and personalities like Balenciaga, Drew House by Justin Bieber, Post Malone etc. This is the first time India is launching a partnership and it showcases our commitment to ignite the Indian market with highly localised products and marketing," he says.

Modern Indian women might have taken up the role of superwomen, yet she seeks the familiarity of the culture that she had experienced while she grew up. She seeks designs that remind her of the freeness of childhood while bringing a gallop in her pace as she heads for work every morning.

Neene, a newly-launched vernacular dating app, is an attempt to help Kannadigas find long-lasting relationships

'APP'SOLUTELY LOCAL

ANILA KURIAN

THE pandemic changed much, including the world of dating. Forced to stay indoors, many turned to apps to find companionship. While the English-speaking community may have found matches easier, thanks to several apps, those who communicate in local languages have had to look hard. Bridging the gap is dating app Aisle's new vernacular vertical for Kannada speakers, both in Indian and abroad. Called Neene, which translates to 'only you', it is Aisle's fourth vernacular offering. Founder and CEO Able Joseph says, "We are focused on creating a personalised experience for different cultures and regions in India. Though Aisle is based out of Bengaluru, we didn't get to work on the Kannada vertical because we already have a 9.5 million user base through our main app. We focused on other southern cities before we finally launched here last month."

The way Kannadigas view dating has changed, says Joseph, adding, "It's definitely slow progress. Even though Kannada pop culture and films encourage love marriages and finding partners independently, the singles of the region didn't really have a platform to explore their options online until now." A fun feature added to the app is the trivia game section. "In order for people to not be socially awkward to start a conversation, we created a trivia game. We kept the questions very Karnataka specific," Joseph says, adding that some of the questions included 'What's the full form of Nice Road?', 'In which situation will you best use *swalpa adjust maadi?*', and 'What's the one movie that every Kannadiga should have watched?', among others. One can opt for the premium account for ₹799 per month.

Though Kannada pop culture and films encourage love marriages and finding partners independently, the singles of the region didn't really have a platform to explore their options online until now

— Able Joseph, founder and CEO

One of the significant concerns of dating apps is privacy. Many aren't sure how safe they can feel or even if the profiles they are speaking to are genuine. Joseph says, "We understand such concerns which is why we don't allow anyone to log in without their phone numbers — something that is linked to almost all documents. It's easier to track someone through that. Selfie verification is also a must and only post that will accounts be activated."

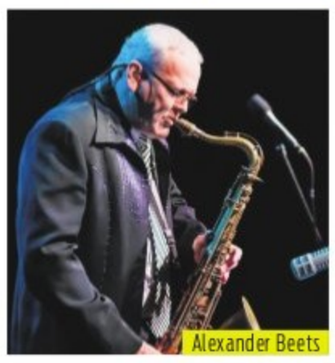
Jazz it up

G ULAGANATHAN

COME June and Bengalureans can experience some authentic jazz music. The second edition of World Jazz Festival is being held on June 3 at the MLR Convention Centre, J P Nagar at 7 pm. Organised by promoter of cultural activities Banyan Tree, the musicians performing are Prasanna, Alexander Beets Quintet ft. Paul van Kessel and Nathalie Schaap. There is also the Saskia Laroo Band — Jazz meets Hip Hop.

Launched in 2020, the World Jazz Festival was curated with the intent to showcase and celebrate jazz and world music in tandem. The festival was held in association with the Amersfoort Jazz Festival from The Netherlands. The inaugural edition of the festival brought an eclectic mix of international jazz musicians to Mumbai and Pune. In its second edition, the festival begins in Bengaluru on June 3 and will head to Mumbai for two days on June 4 and 5.

Saskia Laroo


Alexander Beets

In collaboration with the Amersfoort Festival, the festival will feature a selection of artistes from The Netherlands, South Africa, Spain, and The United States of America.

Tenor powerhouse Alexander Beets has gained international acclaim with his explosive sound and swing over the last few decades, appearing alongside Igor Butman, Deborah Brown, Sylwester Ostrowski and Koh Saxman. Cole Porter, among others. Here, he is joined by trumpeter Ellister van der Molen, while Beets' brother Marius will be on the bass, and two Dutch drum prodigies, Sven Rozier and Tim Hennekes. And finally, Sebastian van Bavel and Spanish powerhouse Miguel Rodriguez will play the piano. Also joining them is Indian-American guitarist Prasanna, a pioneer in performing Carnatic music on the guitar.

For more details, log onto bookmyshow.com

(The writer is a senior dance critic)

CITY READ

Conversation-less coffee bar launched in city

SLAY Coffee, known for their cloud kitchens for online delivery, has launched their first physical café, SLAY Coffee Bar in HSR Layout. Designed for the coffee lover on the move, they offer gourmet coffee brewed freshly in minutes along with easy-to-consume gourmet food choices. "The Indian cafe market is expected to grow significantly in the coming years — driven by coffee consumption growth, a similar pattern playing out compared to American and Asian markets where coffee has become a lifestyle," says Chaitanya Chitta, co-founder.

New Kolkata-style roll spot in town

When it's hard to decide what one must eat, Sikandar Rolls is here to solve that. The brand has an array of rolls to choose from. Butter chicken lovers can find their iconic Butter Chicken Roll, while those who enjoy the flavours of Andhra can pick the Andhra Chilli Chicken Roll. A classic Paneer Makhani roll is an option for vegetarians. There are also some shawarma options to indulge in for when you want to keep it simple and healthy. Sikandar Rolls is part of Aswati Inns, the hospitality company helming Bengaluru restaurants such as Ebony, 13th Floor and Asean.

KEEPING UP WITH KOTOR

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic is an ancient story. It was set 4,000 years before the rise of the Galactic Empire. It is a role-playing game following the story of <enter your character name>, and a motley crew: Jedi, Wookie, Twi'lek, Mandalorian, and robot. The game, being originally released in 2003, is old enough to have voting rights. Funnily, the ancientness of the game is precisely why I recommend playing KOTOR now.

There is an interesting universe of stories in *Star Wars* outside of the Skywalker family. And so BioWare's decision to cover a story 4,000 years pre-Darth Vader works to our advantage in KOTOR. And I'm not just talking about the main story line here. Although it helps that our main character and her crew have fascinating motivations, that is a rather obvious requirement for any game and doesn't deserve special credits. No, I mean, that the developers have made the crazy effort of coming up with elaborate backstories for all the NPCs. It's the inconsequential side missions that lend life to KOTOR. I met a woman who had a strange relationship with her droid. I spent several hours on a planet with a long-standing gang war. I had the choice of selling a cure to a dreadful disease to a conscientious doctor as opposed to a power-hungry monopolist. I helped a Wookie family overcome a family feud. I made a Pazaak gambler cry.

Yes, I hear you say: "Oh that's fine, Anusha. But you can't make me play a game with graphics that make humans look like a stack of ice cubes! And I heard the combat is clunky!" To that let me say this — the nostalgia filter is in this year. Bad graphics are the new good graphics. There are hardly any load times. You can even play this game on the most potato tech device you own. And the combat, KOTOR uses the still-relevant Dungeons and Dragons system for skill progression and die-rolls during combat. In fact, I find combat a little more palatable in KOTOR as opposed to the hack-and-slash reflex motivated action we see these days. In that KOTOR allows us enough time to figure out the attack strategy mid-fight itself. I feel extremely smart when I choose my attacks, and let the fight autoplay in front of me. A remake of the game is in the offing, so play it while the original KOTOR remains serviceable across platforms.

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS **CLASSIFIEDS**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) VANDANA JOHNSON** Residing at No. TF-03 ZAIB Blosom 4th Cross, Keerthi Layout Kammanahalli, Bangalore - 560084. Have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) VANDANA JOHNSON** to **(NEW NAME) VANDANA JOHN PINTO** vide Affidavit Dated 28.05.2022 Sworn before Notary A.R. MUNEER AHMED, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PALLAVI SHETTY,** Resident at No. B, 2402, Hill Crest House of Hiranandani, Begur Hulimavu Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PALLAVI JAYARAM SHETTY** to **PALLAVI SHETTY,** hereinafter I shall be known and called as **PALLAVI SHETTY** only, vide affidavit dated 27.05.2022, sworn to before B.M. Chandrashekar, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MUDUPULAVEMULA DHANUNJAYA REDDY,** S/o Mudupulavemula Thippa Reddy, R/o A108, Disha Parkwest, Balegere Road, Panathur, Bangalore-560087, have changed the name of my minor Daughter **MUDUPULAVEMULA TANISHKA REDDY,** aged about 14 years and she shall hereafter be known as **MUDUPULAVEMULA REVARSHITHA REDDY,** vide affidavit dated 23-05-2022, sworn before Advocate an Notary **N. NAGAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, CHANDA KUMARI JHA, residing at # 68, 17th 'E' Main Road, KHB Colony, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095 have changed my name to **TRISHA JHA** vide affidavit dated 29/05/2022 sworn to before Advocate and notary K.V. Mani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SIKTA KUMARI KAR** aged above 60 years W/o Santhosh Kumar Kar Residing at No.116 Skanda Sukriti APTS Gear Road, Panathur, Bengaluru - 560103. Karnataka. Have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) SIKTA KUMARI KAR** to **(NEW NAME) SIKTA KAR** vide Affidavit Dated 27.05.2022 Sworn before Notary GANGARAJU B.N. Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAISHA DAYAL,** previously called **NAISHA,** and D/o Bhim, Resident of Flat No.202, Devi Ashirwad Apartment, Shanbhog Layout, 2nd Main, Doddanekkundi, Bangalore-560 037. have changed my name from **NAISHA** to **NAISHA DAYAL** vide affidavit dated: 27-05-2022, before Notary V. RAJA SHEKARA, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VENKATASUBRAMANIA THIAGARAJAN,** S/o Ramamirtham Venkatasubramanian, aged 73 years, R/of No. 184, Jalvayu Vihar, Kammanahalli Main Road, Bengaluru-560043, do hereby correcting my name from **VENKATASUBRAMANAYA THIAGARAJAN** to **VENKATASUBRAMANIA THIAGARAJAN** in my service records, Pension Payment Order, Correction Affidavit, sworn before the VI Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Bangalore on 26th day of May 2022.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, POONAM ABHIJEET VALIMBE, aged about 48 Years, W/o. Abhijeet Shashikant Valimbe residing at No.P.111/2, Ganapati Enclave, Intermediate Ring Road, Domlur, Bangalore-560 071, have changed my name to **POONAM VALIMBE** vide affidavit dated 28-05-2022 sworn to before Advocate and notary A.R. Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KESARI VENKATESH KUMAR,** Resident at No. 23/24, 8th Cross, BSK, 2nd Stage, Bendre Nagar, Kadrinahalli, Bangalore - 560 070, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KASARI** to **KESARI VENKATESH KUMAR,** hereinafter I shall be known and called as **KESARI VENKATESH KUMAR** only, vide affidavit dated 27.05.2022, sworn to before B.M. Chandrashekar, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I KARUNA PREM KATARIA residing at #737, RBI Layout, Kothanur, JP Nagar, 7thPhase, Bangalore-78 have changed my name to KARUNA CHHABRIA vide affidavit dated 28-05-22 sworn before notary T.R. Raghavendra Rao, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JITENDRA KUMAR JAIN CHAGANRAJ,** aged about 43 years, S/o Late Chaganraj, Presently R/at A-201, Keerthi Surya Shakti Towers, ITPL Main Road, Hoodi, Bengaluru-560048, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **JITENDRA KUMAR JAIN CHAGANRAJ** to **JITENDRA KUMAR JAIN,** henceforth I shall be known and called **JITENDRA KUMAR JAIN** only, vide affidavit dated 27-05-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.N. RAMADEVI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mahashweta Vishwakarma wife of Hav Manoj Kumar Vishwakarma r/o of Vill- Azagara, PO-Chhapara Sultapur, Dist-Azamgarh (UP) posted with PARA Records have been changed my name from MAHASHWETA VISHWAKARMA to **MAHASWETA** vide Affidavit dated 19th May 2022 Dist Notary Sivakumara .M.N. Bangalore (Kar). In future known me by **MAHASWETA.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRIYANK JAIN,** Resident at Flat No. 2001, Tower-7, Adarsh Palam Retreete, Bellandur, Bangalore - 560 103, hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **RUDRA JAIN** to **RUDRAKSH JAIN,** hereinafter he will be known and called as **RUDRAKSH JAIN** only, vide affidavit dated 27.05.2022, sworn to before B.M. Chandrashekar, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHREEDEVI T S, Aged about 38 years Residing at No : 142, 5th Cross, HMT Layout, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore-560073 have changed my name to LAKKSHANA** vide Affidavit dated 27.05.2022 sworn before Advocate and Notary L B Anasuyamma, B.AL,LL.B, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SRINIVASA .T,** S/o Late Thimmaiah, aged about 49 years, R/at No. 10, 12th Cross, Near Satyanarayana Kalyana Mantap, J.C. Nagar, Kurubarahalli, Bengaluru-560086, do hereby declare that I have changed changed my son's name from **NIKHIL RAJ .S** to **NIKHIL GOWDA .S,** henceforth he shall be known and called **NIKHIL GOWDA .S** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 27-05-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M.S. SATISH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAULIK PRAVINCHANDRA PANCHAMATIA,** S/o Pravinchandra Mohanlal Panchmatia, Aged about 38 years, residing currently at SF01, Heritage South Apt, R K Layout, 2nd Stage, Padmanabh Nagar, Bangalore – 560070, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **MAULIK PRAVINCHANDRA PANCHAMATIA** to **MAULIK PRAVINCHANDRA PANCHMATIA,** vide affidavit dated: 18/02/2022, sworn before notary, P.K.Nalinakshi, Reg no : 4460, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JIGURU MANSI,** Resident at Flat No. 410, A Block S S B Urban Lotus Apartment, Rayasandra Huskur, Bangalore - 560 099, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAYAPROLU MANSI** to **JIGURU MANSI,** hereinafter I shall be known and called as **JIGURU MANSI** only, vide affidavit dated 27.05.2022, sworn to before B.M. Chandrashekar, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Pushpa Latha P.E,** W/o. Chandrashekar N, aged about 40 years, Residing at No.97/2, Indramma Building, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037. I state that, in Aadhar card my name mentioned as **PUSHPA LATHA P.V,** in Passport my name mentioned as **PUSHPA LATHA CHANDRA SHEKARA,** in PAN Card my name mentioned as **P.V. PUSHPA LATHA** & in my Husband Passport my name mentioned as **PUSHPA LATHA.** Hereby declare that, I have changed my name to **"PUSHPA LATHA P.E"** only, Vide Affidavit dated 27.05.2022, Sworn before Advocate and Notary P.Nanjunda, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AMUKTAMALYADA MULAKALURI** (New Name), Aged about 43 years, W/o. Venkatesh Ayyar, Residing at Flat No.24301, Building 2, Tower 4, Prestige Falcon City, Konanakunte Cross, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore - 560062, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from **AMUKTAMALYADA AYYAR** (Old Name) to **AMUKTAMALYADA MULAKALURI** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **AMUKTAMALYADA MULAKALURI** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 28/05/2022 before Notary **T.R. Raghavendra Rao,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Y BHASKAR NAIDU** Father of **HARSHITH Y,** residing at No.10/3, S V Nilayam, 6th B Cross, Balaji Nagar, Bangalore South, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085, Karnataka, India. have changed my son's name from **HARSHITH Y** to **KUSHAL YAMPARALA,** vide affidavit dated 26/05/2022 sworn before notary BKR KRISHNAMURTHY, Reg. No: 1351, Bangalore.

SMARTADS

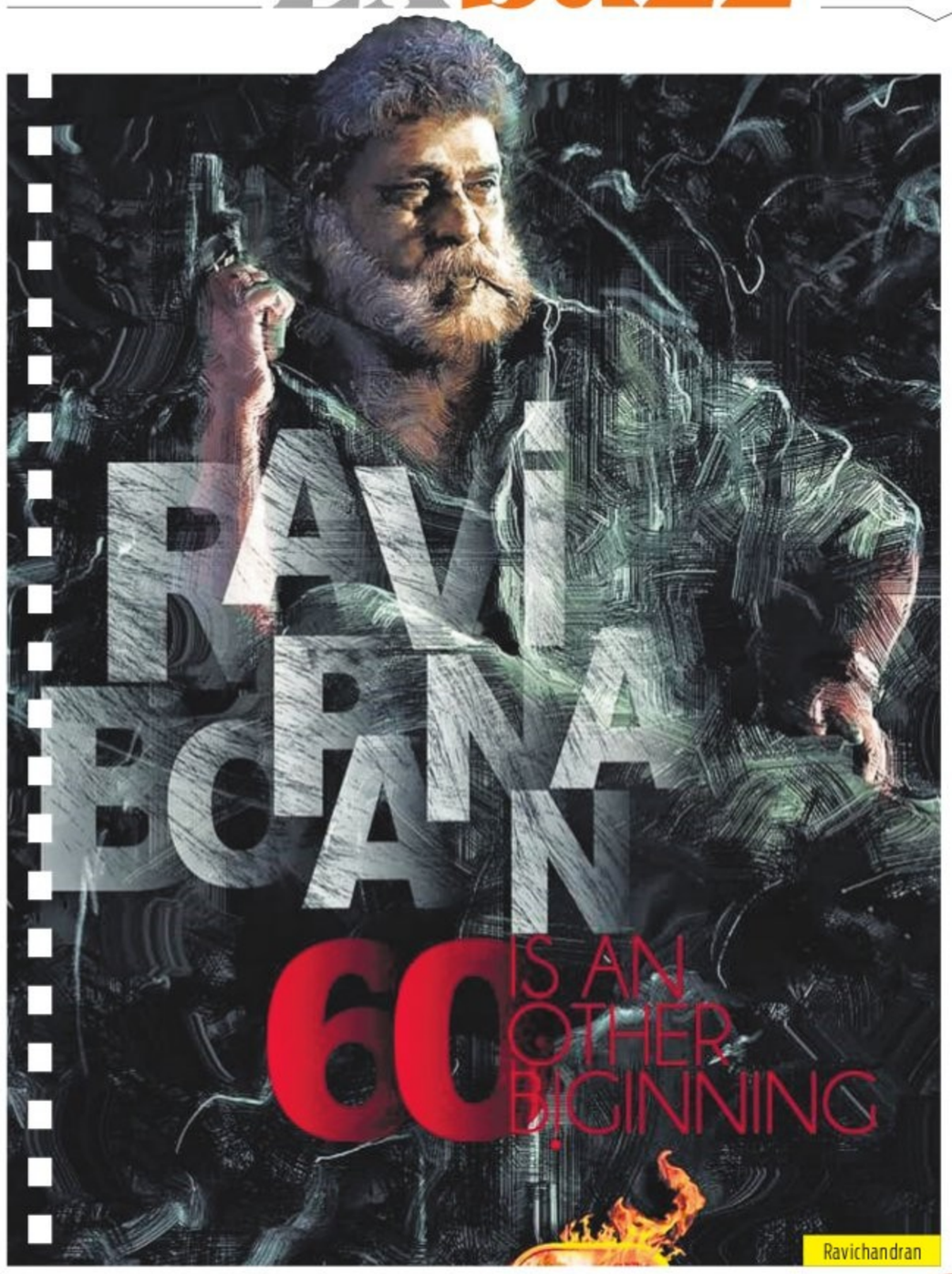
FOR SALE
2 BHK attached Bath Flat 1330 Square Feet 8 years old Well Maintained Semi Furnished closed Car Park Swimming Pool 24 hours water security ups North-East Placing for Sale Expected 55 Lakhs Negotiable.
Contact: 9980680908, 9606498508 at Elegant Aster Apartment Geddalahalli Hennur Bangalore-560075

TEACHERS LAYOUT
Premium Residentail / Commercial Plots
Near B'lore Intl Airport
Near Rural DC Office
NH-207,
@ 950/Sft
OPEN FOR GENERAL PUBLIC
78138 60860

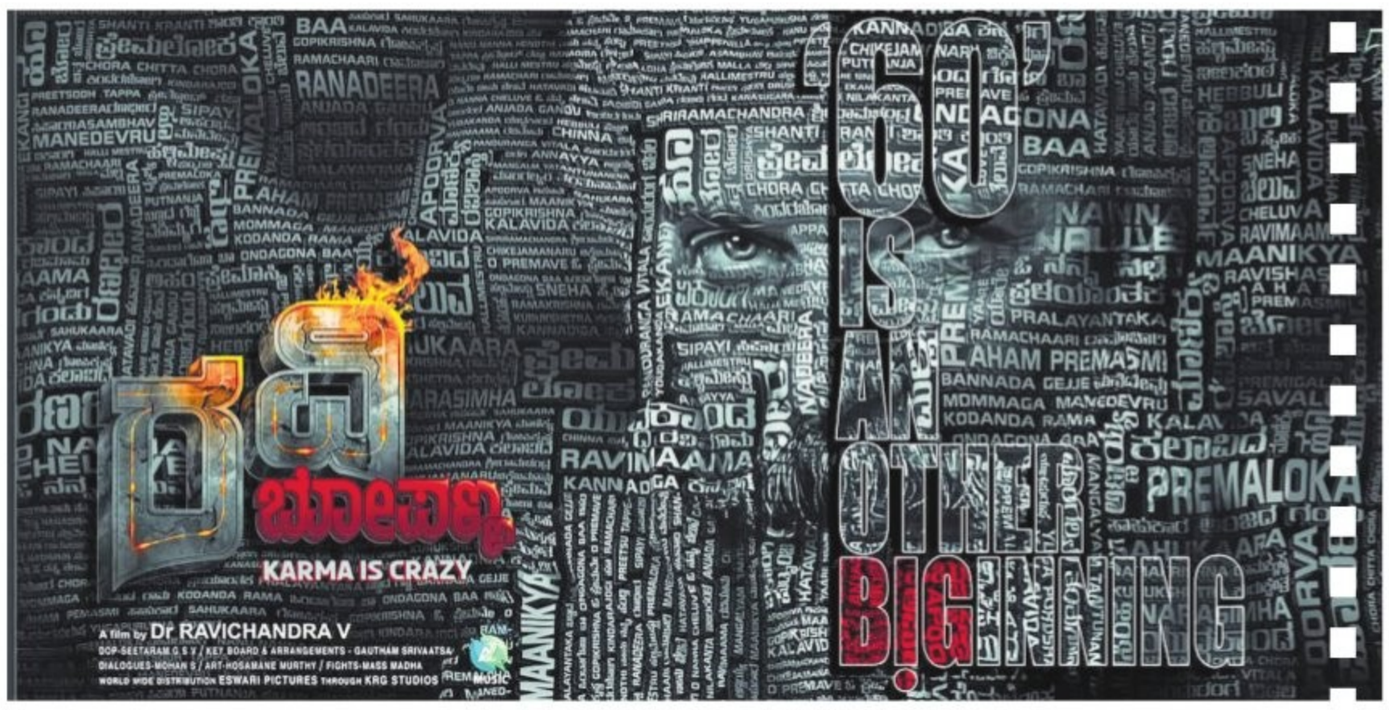
For your career the sky is the limit
After SSLC/PUC/ Degree what's next???
Join Job oriented Fast Track Summer Vacation course in Air Travels, Walk out with a Certificate of Diploma and a bright career
100% Placement Assistance
ARMEN
INSTITUTE OF AIRLINES & TRAVEL AGENCIES
No. 4004, High Point IV, No. 45, Next to Chalukya Hotel, Palace Road, Bangalore - 01
Ph: 080-41138310
9663807724

MIRAKUL
MILEAGE BOOSTER
Gives upto 25% EXTRA Mileage In DIESEL Cars
Also Available @ amazon
Improves Combustion. Ensures Smooth Running of Engine. Ultra Smooth Drive
BS VI READY
Available at JHADE AUTO SPARES (JK), Komal Mansion, 33, MTB Road, Near Minerva Circle, B`lore 560002 For more info & Trade Enquiries : 9900333322, mirakul007@gmail.com

OLD AGE HOME
MURALI'S
HOME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
Next to Hampapura colony, thalaguppa Village , Bidadi hobli , Ramanagara dist
30 KMS away from Bangalore , comfortable Single and Double Rooms with attached Bath, 24 Hrs Electric and water supply, Pure Vegetarian food, UPS back up, CCTV security, weekly Doctor visit, Prayer hall and Library , homely and farmland atmosphere
☎:08041138310
9663807724
9845027770
www.muralisoldagehome.com



Ravichandran



A SHARADHAA

'60 IS ANOTHER BIG INNING'

Revealing a unique poster from his upcoming film, *Ravi Bopanna*, Ravichandran says, 'Watch out for a Crazy *Premaloka*'

AGE is just a number for V Ravichandran, who is celebrating his 61st birthday today. To mark the occasion, the poster of Ravichandran's upcoming film, *Ravi Bopanna*, comes with the tagline, 'Karma is Crazy'. The unique poster is made up of the titles of all of Ravichandran's films, including a line in bold, '60 is an other big inning'. The multifaceted veteran, who changed the face of Kannada cinema with films like *Premaloka, Ranadeera*, *Yudhakanda, Kalavida, Shanti Kranti, Sipayi*, and Ramachari, to name a few is still yearning to reinvent himself with every film.

Ravichandran, who is currently focusing on his next film, wants his work in *Ravi Bopanna* to do all the talking. The actor, who is also directing the film, shared that he took the pandemic as an opportunity to reshoot many sequences. "Ravi Bopanna will be a magical, musical, miracle entertainer, and I call it a mature version of *Premaloka*," says Ravichandran. This project also marks the 50th production venture of Eswari Production.

Ravichandran says that the narrative pattern will be one of the highlights of *Ravi Bopanna*. "The film, which has a lot of surprise elements, will also be accompanied with nonstop music, and this will more or less remind you of my directorial debut, *Premaloka*. *Ravi Bopanna* also has some simple philosophies in the film that will also make the people think. If the audience open their hearts, they will surely enjoy this film in a new format," he says.

Planning to release the film in July, Ravichandran says, "There are a lot of backlogs, and every week we are seeing a slew of releases. I thought I need that space to come back, and deliver a hit. But to give a hit, the timing of the release is important. So I'm waiting for the proper time. With post-production in the final stage, I hope to come in July," he says.

'KAALI

WILL PORTRAY ABISHEK AS A TYPICAL ANGRY YOUNG MAN'

...says director S Krishna, who confirms his collaboration with Abishek Ambareesh, and shares the title and lead characters' look poster

CE FEATURES

WE had earlier reported that director S Krishna and Abishek Ambareesh were collaborating on a film, titled *Kaali*. On the occasion of Ambareesh's birth anniversary, an official confirmation about the film was made by Krishna and the actor. "New beginnings, need all your blessings," wrote Abhishek, and shared the first poster of the film that features him with an intense look.

Billed to be a period drama set in the 1990s, the film will revolve around the Kaveri riots. Sharing the poster, Krishna urged fans to wish the best for the 'young rebel star'. Calling *Kaali* a novel attempt for him, Krishna says, "*Gajakesari*, starring Yash, had all the elements of a commercial entertainer. *Hebbuli* was an action-packed thriller, and *Pailwaan* was a sports drama. *Kaali* will be a unique love story."

Kaali is the love story between a Kananda boy and a Tamil girl, and the director has considered a real-life incident and fictionalised it for cinematic purposes. "While a true story inspires it, I'm not coming out with a replica of the incident. *Kaali* will portray Abishek as a typical angry young man," he says.

Written and directed by Krishna, *Kaali* will be backed by producer Swapna Krishna under the RRR Motion Pictures banner.

The makers are planning to begin shooting the film in July after Abishek completes filming for Suri's *Bad Manners*. "I wanted to portray Abishek in a particular way, and he is currently undergoing a transformation for the character. One can see a new Abi in *Kaali*. Meanwhile, we are finalising the heroine, and the rest of the cast for the film," he says.

Abishek Ambareesh

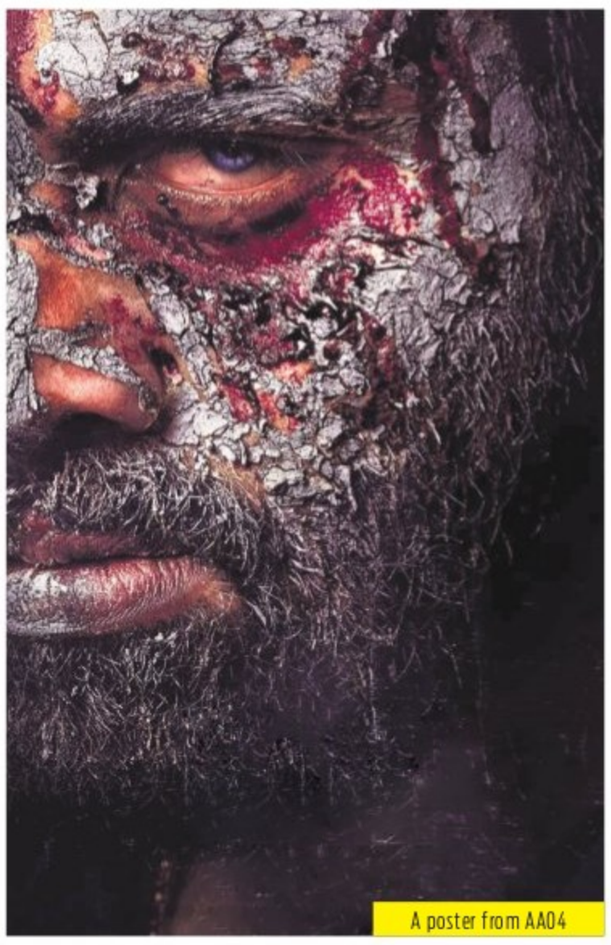
MAHESH KUMAR TO DIRECT ABISHEK'S FOURTH FILM

CE FEATURES

ABISHEK Ambareesh, who is currently shooting for *Bad Manners*, will soon begin shooting for S Krishna's *Kaali*.

Meanwhile, the actor has greenlit his fourth film, which will be helmed by *Ayogya* and *MadaGaja* director Mahesh Kumar. Tentatively titled AA 04, the makers have revealed a poster of the film, which read, 'The Rebellion begins'. Abishek looks raw and rugged in the poster, which hints at the film being an action entertainer. "This will be a story of a warrior, and it is going to be a different subject for Abishek. The project will officially commence on October 3, on Abishek's birthday, before which we will be revealing more details about the film," says the director.

Abishek Ambareesh with Mahesh Kumar


A poster from AA04

Shooting for Mansore's *19.20.21* wrapped up

A still from the film *19.20.21*

The director shares the first few stills of the film, which is likely to hit theatres in Nov

CE FEATURES

NATIONAL award-winning director Mansore has wrapped up shooting for his upcoming political thriller, *19.20.21*. Sharing the first few stills from the film, Mansore said that the entire film was shot in a 51-day schedule, and has been filmed in unique locations of Yellapura, Hubbali, Dharwad, Mangaluru, Shivamogga, and Bengaluru.

Coming from the director of *Harivu, Nathicharami,* and *1978*, the subject of *19.20.21* is set during the pandemic and will focus on human rights violations. The film, which created a buzz with the first look poster, explores the problems of the common man, who are suffering at the hands of the government and system.

19.20.21, produced by R Devaraj, has cinematography by Satya Hegde. The film's music is composed by Ronada Bakkesh and Bindu Malani. "We are now doing the post-production work, and are hoping to release the film in November," says Mansore.

Mansore with the team

Indian documentary *All That Breathes* wins The Golden Eye

CE FEATURES

SHAUNAK Sen's documentary film *All That Breathes* has won the top L'OEil d'Or (The Golden Eye) award at the Cannes Film Festival. The doc, about siblings Mohammad Saud and Nadeem Shehzad in Delhi who rescue and treat injured birds, was screened at the festival earlier this week. It had previously won the Grand Jury Prize in the World Cinema Documentary category at the Sundance Film Festival. It has been acquired by HBO Documentary Films and will be available on HBO Max in 2023.

"L'OEil d'Or goes to a film that, in a world of destruction, reminds us that every life matters, and every small action matters. You can grab your camera, you can save a bird, you can hunt for some moments of stealing beauty, it matters," the Cannes the jury said in a note shared on the L'OEil d'Or website. "It's an inspirational journey in observation of three Don Quijotes who may not save the whole world but do save their world." In 2021, filmmaker Payal Kapadia won the award for her documentary *A Night of Knowing Nothing. (with PTI inputs)*